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R. Ross.—Bob Fitzsimmons's weight was 11st 3½lb. Corbett's weight was 13st 11lb.

G. COUZENS.—Shortly.

G. CARTER, JUN.—Send photo. with some account.

E. GROVES.—Walter Croot at the N.S.C., December 6, 1898.

L. MYLES.—Use "Sulphur Bitters" according to directions. See advertisement on page 15.

S. S.—You can box anywhere, nothing being required except the gloves.

H. FAIRWEATHER (Malta).—Bob Fitzsimmons defeated James J. Corbett for the World's Championship, won by the latter by his defeats of John L. Sullivan, Champion of America, and Charley Mitchell, "English Boxing Champion." Bob Fitzsimmons defeated Jem Corbett, and Jem Jeffries defeated Bob Fitzsimmons, thus making the former the World's Champion.

YOUNG THOMPSON (Keighley).—Jem Mace defeated Hurst, the "Stalybridge Infant," for the Championship of England, and fought Tom King twice for that title, winning in the first instance, and losing in the second by a fluke, when the odds were 10 to 1 on the Norwich man.

UNKNOWN.—We do not insert challenges unless accompanied by name and address.

GWLYM GRONOW (Red Cow, Hopkins Town).—The man you mention may have competed in a London club, but we have no record of the fact. He is a good local celebrity.

A. L. M.—1. The fight ended in a draw. 2. The stake was for £200 a-side.

O. O.—Twice only.

A. HOWELL.—Nineteen rounds at the N.S.C.

C. T. REED.—1. 1,500 miles in 1,000 hours. 2. W. Gale.

G. W.—With the Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa.

A. H. S.—An amateur.

F. DRAKE.—Yes; the same dog.

W. BENNETT.—Ben Jordan won in the nineteenth round.

C. ATTERBURY.—We know of no such record.

C. P.—No.

SAM CAMPBELL (Glasgow).—He does not.

W. J. WESTON.—1. No, the club has no particular weights; men box there at any weight. 2. 8st 4lb, bantams; 9st, feathers; 10st, light; 11st 4lb, middle-weights; above this heavy-weights are the only recognised weights for any championship.

F. S. MOLE.—36 hours without a rest.

J. SCOTT.—There are plenty of good training quarters close to London.

H. D.—1. The articles of agreement provide for that. 2. Purse and side stake.

M. F.—The photo. was too faded to be of any service.

A. W. L.—1. W. J. Sturgess. 2. At Putney.

J. SYMONDS (H.M.S. Rocket, West Indies).—No; Terry McGovern has never fought Dick Burge.

C. WINDOVER.—They boxed for purse and side stake.

ENQUIRER.—The party consisted of ten a-side.

W. X.—1. The last fight for the championship of England was between Pat Slavin and Jem Smith. 2. It will never be revived.

R. A. P.—Nat Langham was the only man to defeat Tom Sayers.

(Several Answers crowded out).

SAMMY KELLY v. WILL CURLEY.

RAPID ADVANCE OF BOXING IN THE NORTH.

JACK ROBERTS, OF DRURY LANE, v. BILLY SMITH, OF AMERICA.

NEXT Monday will see one of the advanced guard of the American contingent battle for £200 a-side and Jack Haggerty's purse of £200. The contestants will be Sammy Kelly and Will Curley. This, which might be called an International battle, will not take place within the classic walls of the N.S.C., but, like the Jack O'Brien and Harry Smith contest (another International battle), will take place in the far north. Not only this, but Jemmy Lowes has arranged an encounter between Jem Richardson, formerly of Honolulu, but now of Newcastle, and Jack Quinn, of Belfast, and if this were not enough, we have Ben Taylor, Hulls's big 'un, matched with George Chrisp, the contest to come off also in Newcastle. Still, we think the best battle of the crowd is reserved for the N.S.C., where the eccentric "Pedlar" Palmer meets Harry Harris, of America. For this latter match both men appear to be especially jubilant, and sigh for the hour of meeting like the parched hart panteth for the fountain. "Pedlar" Palmer has no respect for age. Wear the old 'uns out first appears to be the young bantam's motto. Consequently, having used up poor Sam Blakelock, "Pedlar" has taken on a new trainer in the shape of his mouthpiece and manager, Peter McKie. Since the death of poor old George Swanney, who used to register Palmer's gradual decrease in weight, which often went up and down like a thermometer, "Pedlar" Palmer has virtually trained himself. "Pedlar" now issues his orders like Simon Tappertit to the "United Bulldogs." It's (to the man in office): "Do you want a punch on the snout? No! Well you're likely to get it if you don't hurry up." Sammy Kelly and Harry Harris write to say how pleased they are with their new quarters, and how well they feel. It is a new order of things for men in training, especially boxers, to read their Dickens; but Kelly writes to say that this is his especial relaxation. Doctors say that there is nothing so good for the mind and body as, after a spell of hard exercise to sit down and repose the body and mind by some delightful reading. Sammy ought to be thankful he is able to read and appreciate good works. The Board School was non-existent when pugilism was abroad, and most pugilists, though they could *make a good mark*, could neither read nor write. Consequently, they had nothing to divert their minds from the approaching contest, the anticipation of which was such that the battle was often fought several times in imagination before the time came for the combatants to duck their nuts within the roped enclosure, and do battle in right good earnest.

Failing Jack Fraser, who recently planked fifty pounds down at a daily sport as a defi to the world at 9st, Jack Roberts has taken on another Statesman in the person of Billy Smith, of New York. On Friday afternoon last Billy Smith turned up at the N.S.C., and met Jack Roberts and his backer, a licensed victualler named Underwood. Jack Roberts, who had only recently covered Fraser's fifty, dabbed down another to match himself against Billy Smith, who promised to cover it on the Monday following. In addition to £200 a-side, the men will box for a £110 purse given by the N.S.C. The articles stipulate that the men shall box fifteen rounds at 9st on April 22, the Monday in the City and Suburban week at Epsom, to weigh at 2 p.m. on the day of the contest. The Billy Smith who will meet Jack Roberts must not be confounded with the "Mysterious" Billy Smith who, some six years ago, met Bill Ham, of Barnsbury, Jack Bryan, the Drury Lane champion, and Arthur Morris, of Fulham, at Stone Street Hall, Tottenham Court Road. It was very funny to see these Britishers in the dressing-room tossing as to which should go on first. And what a mess the "Mysterious" one did make of them when they did go on. A good many men prominent in sport have gone over to the big majority since that eventful evening, including Charley White (the Duke's motto), referee, Jack Harper, and many more. *Sic transit gloria mundi.*

MISS MARIE WILTON.

An Interesting Dancer and Singer who has Appeared at the Principal London Halls.

(With Portrait.)

MISS MARIE WILTON must not be confounded with the original Miss Marie Wilton, now Mrs. Bancroft, nor is she any relation to that lady. The subject of our illustration has always shown a marked aptitude for the stage, which may be gleaned from the fact that in her "school and pinafore" days we find her enacting the rôle of Rose Queen in "The Queen of the Roses," with a show of histrionic ability remarkable in one of such a tender age. We next hear of her during Mr. George Ginnett's tenure of the Colosseum, Dalston, as principal in a juvenile spectacle, where her terpsichorean powers soon brought her into prominence. After various appearances at sundry minor places of amusement she attended rehearsals at the New London, Shoreditch. After appearances at Collins's, the Metropolitan, Gatti's (Westminster), the Middlesex, the Royal, Marylebone, &c., she showed at a Tivoli matinée, which resulted in engagements at the Oxford and Tivoli. Her style is unique in its absence of all affectation, and her clear enunciation when singing and her graceful dancing have now placed her in the front row of the profession she has adopted.

A TRAGIC AFFAIR WHICH NEARLY ENDS IN THE LOSS OF TWO LIVES.

Husband and Wife Both Seriously Wounded.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A DESPERATE attempt to murder a woman took place in The Bowery, New York. Here a man presumed to be her husband drew a dagger from his coat pocket and, clasping the woman round the neck, attempted to stab her fatally in the throat. Her companion seeing the woman in danger drew a revolver and fired point blank at her assailant's head. The latter fell stunned and wounded to the ground. All were arrested and found to be of Italian nationality. The woman was removed in the ambulance with a wound in her right breast, but is likely to recover.

THE MONKEY'S AID WAS TIMELY AND PROVIDENTIAL

The Missing Link Defended the Woman.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A STRANGE animal to champion the cause of a lady was that of a monkey, which occurred in the street of Turin, Italy. The man who fell a victim the monkey was a mechanic named Palo Ricardo, and being led by a fit of jealousy after the Carnival he attempted to beat the woman with a club; but at an opportune moment a big monkey, which had broken loose, sprang on the man's shoulders and seized the upraised club with one hand, while he firmly clutched the man's hair with the other, thus frustrating his wicked intentions, and others coming on the scene the woman escaped injury, while the man Ricardo was secured.

STUDENTS PLAY A PRACTICAL JOKE AS BALDHEADS.

They Reserve the Front Seats and Create a Surprise.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A PRACTICAL joke was recently played by a party of students which caused no little sensation at a theatre in Chicago. A burlesque company who was performing in the town contained among its members quite an unusual number of pretty girls, and all the old gentlemen from far and near managed to nightly secure the best seats, so the students, to give the house a surprise, bought up the front row, and cleverly hiding their hair under the cover of bald heads, quietly made their way to these reserved seats. This caused a roar of laughter, and the genuine old baldheads took the hint and did not appear quite so prominently afterwards.

HE DECLINED TO CONTRIBUTE.

He Did Not Give Any Money in Charity.

(Subject of Illustration.)

IT is not often when the needs of the church demand it that any of the congregation refuse to put their hands in their pockets in aid of some charity, or excuse themselves on professional grounds from contributing. Such a thing did occur in a New York chapel. A policeman when asked to contribute, quietly displayed his badge of office which was attached to his waistcoat, stating that members of the force seldom were called upon to give, but were equal to taking anything.

RETURNED TO HIS HOME AFTER TWENTY YEARS.

Unlike the Prodigal Son, He Was Prosperous.

(Subject of Illustration.)

MRS. JOHN MCCAFFERY was sitting in her drawing-room at Jersey a few days ago when a man walked in and said, "How are you, Sarah, and how's father?" "Pretty well," answered Mrs. McCaffery, "but may I ask who you are?" "Certainly," said the stranger. "I'm your brother William, who went away forty years ago. Don't you recognise me now?" Sarah said she did, and after a few questions the long-lost son was introduced to his father, Patrick McCaffery, who was forty-seven years old when William left home. William went west to America, and became a prosperous horse breeder on the Pacific slope. He says he will remain with his father and brother for two months before returning home.

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Her Sister with a Rope Aids in the Robbery.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A RATHER curious way of getting one's property was enacted on a man named Ralph Herder. For some time he had been keeping company with a young girl about twenty years his junior, but lately the fire of love died out on her part, and she requested the return of her letters; but the elderly lover refused, saying that he always carried them next to his heart. He would still have carried them there, but the lady, with her sister's assistance, neatly secured the missives by placing a noose around Herder's neck, and while being half-strangled they were torn from his pocket and quickly committed to the flames.

ROBBED OF HIS CLOTHES AND VALUABLES.

Parisian Thieves Leave Their Victim Nearly Dead.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A GENTLEMAN was found in an insensible condition close to the fortifications of Paris on Monday and stripped of everything valuable, having at the time some papers in connection with a lawsuit and a considerable sum of money. He not only lost these, but his clothes were taken from him. When he was found he was still unconscious, and nearly frozen to death. Up to the present his assailants, the thieves, have not been captured. It is believed to be the work of a well-known gang, who have made this portion of Paris their happy hunting ground.

TWO DIVERS STRUGGLE BENEATH THE WAVES.

Valuable Jewels Arouse Their Cupidity.

(Subject of Illustration.)

THE dangers to be met with beneath the waves are sufficient in themselves to quail the stoutest hearts, but not alone are these braved, but an account reaches us that they have been added to in a peculiar way. It appears that two divers visited a wreck eight fathoms below the surface, and while engaged in their work they came to blows with their heavy knives, each striving to master his opponent. Valuable jewels from the bodies of the dead had been taken by one, and the other also sought to obtain possession, with the result that both nearly lost their lives.

OUR LETTER BOX.

THE following letters are now lying at THE MIRROR OF LIFE office, and will be forwarded on receipt of stamped addressed envelope:—

Jack O'Brien (of America) (five).
Mr. Bert A. Dorman (of Boston) (six).
Billy Gordon (coloured).
Harry Smith.
Joseph Hagan (two).
Prof. Cullis.
Bobby Dobbs (America) (two).
Joe Gans (America) (two).
Billy Ross (two).
Alec Hurley (comedian) (two).
William Freeman Martin.
Barney Scannell (French Count).
W. J. Abbott.
P. L. Newell.
T. Naish.
George Fox Giles.
J. Corbett (New York).
Jem Hall (Australia).
F. Leon (two).
A. McDonald.
Robert Fitzsimmons (three).
H. Chance Newton.
Jem Holloway (South Africa).
Charles Connolly.
Ernie Greaves.
Driver Pincher.
"Greek" George.
George Slark.
Claude Thompson.

AMERICAN GOSSIP.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

New York, February 23, 1901.

The Editor Mirror of Life, London.

It was rumoured along Broadway yesterday that instead of indulging in a prizefight, Charley Mitchell, the English pugilist, and "Gentleman Jim" Corbett will double up and do a sparring turn at a Boston theatre shortly. Both of these ring experts have picked up many good dollars in the past, and, believing that they are still attractive, they evidently feel that the public will flock to see them tap each other in a friendly bout. There was a time when the bitterest feeling existed between James and Charles. Shortly before Corbett's fight with Sullivan at New Orleans James had a serious row with Charles in the lobby of a Bowery Theatre, which was the direct cause of their meeting two years afterward at Jacksonville. During that encounter on Florida soil, Mitchell, by the use of insulting epithets, goaded Corbett to a state of frenzy, so much so that James came near losing the fight on a foul. When Corbett put the Englishman to sleep it was with a feeling of intense satisfaction that James left the ring. There was bitterness between the men even after the affair had been forgotten by the public, and when Mitchell arrived here on Thursday he said almost immediately that he would be happy to fight Corbett again. But that night the fighters came together, shook hands, and cooked up a scheme, it is said, whereby they can get some of the dollars in circulation much more easily than by enduring a course of training and pummelling each other again in a four-cornered ring.

At Youngstown, O., Jack Bonner, of Philadelphia, was awarded the decision over Bill Hanrahan, of New York, at the end of their twenty rounds bout. They met at catch-weights, each weighing about 170 pounds. The fight was decided at the Youngstown Athletic Club, and a crowd of about 2,000 was present. In the eighth round they began to mix it lively, and in the tenth Bonner used his right and left effectively. Hanrahan being saved by the bell, was very groggy when he went to his corner. In the eleventh, Hanrahan rallied, and jolted Bonner with a clean upper-cut. Hanrahan scored a knock-down in the fifteenth, landing with his right, and sending Bonner to the floor, but the Quaker was up before the referee began to count. Hanrahan had a vicious right which Bonner cleverly ducked, but was given a hard one in the sixteenth which staggered him. Bonner outpointed Hanrahan in nearly every round, and was awarded the decision at the finish. Neither showed marks of punishment, and it was a clean contest. Each now has a decision to his credit, Hanrahan, on a previous occasion, beating Bonner.

At New Britain, Tommy Sullivan, the little feather-weight of Brooklyn, gained a decision on a foul over Joe Bernstein, the New York east-sider, in the sixth round of their bout last night. The little red-topped Brooklynite was in excellent shape, while the New Yorker was not nearly so fine. For five rounds their exhibition evoked cheers from the big crowd. It was full of fight from the start, and gave every promise of being one of the best contests held in this town. But the pace was telling on Bernstein before the finish of the fifth round, and he went to his corner in anything but good shape. When the sixth began Sullivan began sending hard right and left jabs to the east-sider's body, much to the recipient's discomfort. Joe began holding to save himself from the continual rain of blows, and was warned several times by the referee. The notices were of no avail, and before the round was half over the official ordered the boys to their corners, and declared Sullivan the winner.

At Galena, Kan., Oscar Gardner, the Omaha "Kid," and Tommy Dixon, of Rochester, N.Y., engaged in a twenty rounds boxing contest, which resulted in a draw. Dixon broke a finger on his right hand in the third round.

Terry McGovern will end his theatrical season April 6, in Brooklyn. On Monday, April 8, he will start for San Francisco, where he will fight Tim Hegerty, of Australia, before the Twentieth Century A.C., April 28.

At Chicago, Pugilist Gus Ruhlin and his sparring partner, Denver "Ed" Martin, were arrested Monday before going on the stage at a local music-hall for a friendly sparring bout of three two-minute rounds. The men were released on the bonds of $500 each.

At Memphis, Tenn., Bobby Dobbs, of Memphis, and Young Peter Jackson, of California, fought twenty rounds to a draw at the Phœnix A.C.

THE TATTLER.

JACK FAIRCLOUGH, OF ST. Helens, will box any second-class boxer at 9st 6lb for £25, open to £50. Wonderland barred; National Sporting Club preferred.

HARRY SMITH, OF BIRMINGHAM,

Who was Defeated in Four Rounds by Jack O'Brien at Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle, February 25.

(With Portrait.)

First saw the light of day, 1877, at Stoke-on-Trent. Stands 5ft 10¼in, and possessed of a long reach. Started boxing six years ago, travelling England, taking on all comers, in conjunction with Prof. Geo. Campbell's well-known saloon. Ran up in final 11st. Competition at Batty's Circus, Hanley, 1896; beat Sam Allen (coloured), Wrexham, N. Wales; beat Jack Flash, Opengates, Salop, 3rds, old style; beat Tom Spellman, Ireland, 1rd, Derby, 1897; beat Jem Richardson (£85), Honolulu, 14rds, Newcastle-on-Tyne, October, 1900; beat Billy Johnson (£100) (coloured), Stalybridge Gymnastic Club, 24rds; lost to George Chrisp 14rds, January, 1901; £160 and middle-weight championship, beaten by Jack O'Brien, of Philadelphia, 4rds, February 24, Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

JACK OWENS,

Of Liverpool, Who Recently Defeated Young Mack at the Liverpool Gymnastic Club.

(With Portrait.)

Jack Owens is twenty-two years of age, and although not having a big record has sparred with all the best lads in Liverpool, and has had the experience of being brought out in a travelling boxing booth, where he had to rough it with bigger men on many occasions; he lately had the pleasure of defeating Young Mack, of Liverpool, in 10rds, being trained by Charley Blackburn, of Liverpool. When not taking part in the game Jack is to be found at his business, the Cunard Hairdressing Rooms, 84, Earle Road, Liverpool, where, by his civil and gentlemanly manner, he has made lots of friends. He now challenges Tom Sweeney, of Rock Ferry, at 8st 4lb for Sweeney's own sum.

HER LOVER WAS EXILED TO SIBERIA.

She Commits Suicide on the Wedding Morn.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A young girl of Russian nationality was to have been the wife of a Russian officer, and every preparation was made for the nuptials. On the morning when she dressed ready for the ceremony, instead of the arrival of her lover to lead her to the altar, news came that he, with others, had been arrested, and were already on their way to Siberia for transportation for life. The unhappy girl went at once to her chamber, and taking a large dose of poison, fell dead on the couch, where she was afterwards found by her broken-hearted mother.

A NOTED RIVERSIDE THIEF IN CUSTODY.

The Belgian Police Make an Easy Capture.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A man named Robert Dyke had been wanted for months past in connection with robberies which had occurred on the river and the wharves at Antwerp, and being known as a desperate character those who sought to capture him took care to be armed and be in force. After some trouble he was located in a wooden hut, and the detectives, disguised, went to arrest him. On nearing the hut Dyke came forward, when the foremost officer drew his revolver. But Dyke made no resistance—in fact, he bared his chest, and told the officers to fire. He was arrested quietly.

THE GOATS HAD THE BEST OF THE MEETING.

One of the Officers Nearly Loses His Life.

(Subject of Illustration.)

Some goats which had broken bounds and were destroying property wholesale were ordered to be captured, and for this purpose an officer and three men were detailed for the job. To get close to the animals was no easy affair, and when the men did do so they could not induce the animals to budge an inch. The edge of the cliff, where the goats were browsing, looked an uninviting place to do battle, and the officer early came to grief. One of the animals, a big-horned billy, butted the man in the chest, sending him over the cliff, where he fell a few feet below, somewhat shaken but not otherwise hurt. The goats are still at large.

TO THE MARRIED
AND THOSE INTENDING TO MARRY
OF BOTH SEXES.

Read carefully my new book, which treats Every Branch of this Delicate Question of large families with a moral check, as commended by an eminent London Physician. Send postal order, 1s. 6d., for improved edition, in sealed packet, with distinct address to the author, Mr. Wilton J. Dowse, Science Lecturer, 14, The Chase, Nottingham. An M.P. writes us: "Book valuable, reliable, and moral. Poverty banished, comfort in homes secured."

Name this paper, please.

BILL GRIFFITHS, OF NEW TREDEGAR.

A Clever Welsh Boxer, who Met James Arnold at the Drill Hall, Brynmawr, Monmouth, South Wales, March 4.

(With Portrait.)

Bill Griffiths first started boxing about two years ago. Won a competition in William Samuel's booth, next met "Pedlar" Mackman, of Swansea, by whom he was defeated in 8rds; beat Jack Hares, of Merthyr, in 3rds; and also in his last engagement, when opposed to Rees Owen, defeated the latter somewhat easily in 4rds. Met James Arnold at Brynmawr, March 4, and won in 4rds.

BURIED IN THE SNOW TO HIS NECK.

Two Girls Find and Rescue a Workman.

(Subject of Illustration.)

In Canada, once the winter sets in, the snow covers the ground to the depth of several feet, and locomotion would be impossible were it not for the fact that those who wish to travel must wear snow-shoes. With these strapped to their feet pedestrians are enabled to go long distances. Two young girls in Toronto, after a severe snowstorm, were fortunate in rescuing a man from death. While making their way through the street they heard the cry for help, and found a workman nearly buried under the snow. With assistance he was quickly rescued.

MR. W. T. LEISHMAN,

Honorary Secretary of the Anchor Boxing Club, Notting Hill Gate.

(With Portrait.)

It is largely due to the indefatigable energy displayed by this gentleman that the Anchor Club ranks as a prominent boxing institution in London. It was this gentleman who promoted the first competitions for which this club drew the record attendance of 1,500. He is well known in the athletic world, and with the foils is considered invincible.

PRACTICAL JOKE PLAYED ON A SCHOOLMATE.

Boys Fasten one of their Number on the Back of a Cow.

(Subject of Illustration.)

Some boys in fun and mischief took one of their number, a schoolfellow, and, by way of a joke to test his courage, tied the lad on to the back of a cow, the animal being at the time fastened by a chain to its stall. When the operation was completed the animal plunged about to get rid of its unwelcome burden, and the shrieks of the captive nearly rendered the animal furious. The mischief makers fled in terror. Fortunately the cowherd, who was in an adjoining shed, heard the row and hastened to the spot and liberated the lad, who was terror stricken.

ARTHUR WILSON,

A Well-known All-round Sportsman, who is now Mine Host of the Hop-Pole, Gambia Street, Blackfriars.

(With Portrait.)

Arthur Wilson, widely known of round-about fame, and also in boxing and other circles, besides also being a capable member of the variety class, and has travelled the continent. He has a brother, Lorenzo, the King Lion Tamer. Mr. Wilson, in conjunction with Mr. Jack Hammond, proprietor of the Fox, Southwark Bridge Road, has taken possession of the Hop-Pole, Gambia Street, Blackfriars Road.

I, PAT FLINN, OF DUMFRIES, AM open to fight the winner of the Jem Grey and Tom Watson fight the best of twenty rounds with 4oz gloves for £25 to £50 a-side and the best purse offered at 9st 6lb. By depositing money at The Mirror of Life a match can be ratified, as business is only meant.

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Eddie Benson.
Charley Pendley.
Alf Slater (Old Skiddy)
Arthur Gutteridge.
Mr. Willets.
Harry Day.
Jack Fairclough.
Louis Geisler (champion ball puncher).
Mr. Davies.
Prof. A. J. Newton.

LOST AND FOUND.

"I called in answer to an advertisement for a boy," said a bright-faced little chap to Mr. Goldstein, the mill owner, who was a bulky, red-faced man. He was about to leave his private carriage to enter the office when thus accosted. With him was a golden-haired little girl, who listened to the boy with eager interest. "Well, how old are you and where have you been working?" said the mill owner, looking at the lad sharply. "I came from the country, sir, where my mother and I worked in a small mill since father died. Now she is gone and so I came here to the big city hoping to find a better job." "Well, you are too young, and a boy that don't know the city is of no use to me. My advice is to go back to your former home," said Goldstein in a tone of dismissal of the subject, then he turned to his driver and said: "Take Miss Alice where she wants to go." The boy—Philip Martin by name—felt a lump rise in his throat and with a discouraged feeling walked listlessly down the thoroughfare. He had no home or friends and no shelter. Furthermore, he had spent nearly all his money in getting to the city. While meditating on what should be his next move he felt a gentle touch upon his arm and heard a sweet, low, childish voice say: "Never mind, here's a card with the name of my uncle on it, and he will give you work." Turning he saw again the face of the mill owner's daughter, Alice Goldstein. "It is all right," said she, "and never mind thanking me. I'd like the same thing happen to Will—that's my brother—if he was alone in a big city." Philip opened the paper containing the card and inside was a bright new half-a-crown. So unexpected was it all that as soon as the little Samaritan departed he burst into tears, whereupon some little fellows in passing called him "cry baby." Feeling very tired he sat down on one of the park seats intending to seek Alice's uncle when he had recovered his mental balance. He fell fast asleep and when he awoke the parcel which he brought from home containing a valuable recipe, a bible and his mother's photo had disappeared. Gradually, however, he thought of the little girl, of the card which bore the name of a possible employer and of his empty stomach. he thought of her and half-a-crown brought hope and comfort, so he proceeded to a restaurant and had his first square meal since arriving in the city. On leaving the place he again saw the Goldstein carriage and the fair Samaritan, who beckoned him to her side, and, much to his astonishment, held up the missing parcel, which had been stolen from him while asleep. Twenty years have passed since Philip Martin and Alice Goldstein met. During that time Phillip secured a good position and took up a study of medicine. He was now a prosperous physician, and one night was called into consultation, the case being that of a young man dying in squalor. As he entered the room his eyes met those of a beautiful young woman, who rose and extended both hands appealingly to him. "Do you not remember me?" said she; "do you not recall your first attempt to secure work in London." "Ah, indeed I do. Can this be the little Samaritan who saved me from despair? I tried in vain to keep track of you, but they told me you were travelling and I fancied you had settled down in married life. Maybe it is so!" "No," said she, "and I've done better by you, for I've followed your career these many years, and congratulate you on your great success with the Little Diamond Liver Pills." The doctor then listened to the painful story of the patient, who was the brother of Alice—the "black sheep of the family," who from boyhood had been alienated from his father and sister, was reinstated for awhile in his father's good graces, but later, through speculation, brought financial ruin and a suicide's end for the father. Dainty Alice, who had been supporting herself by teaching music, discovered his whereabouts, but too late, for he was at death's door. Dr. Martin on taking his leave said: "By the way, tell me how you found the parcel that day." "Well, I kept you in sight and so witnessed the act of the thief, and Jim, the coachman, made him give it up." As they stood talking Alice's eye fell on an old coin and a ring worn on the doctor's chain. The doctor read her thoughts and said: "Yes, that's the same coin, and it has been indeed a charm! There is my mother's photo, and, as you know, the recipe for the Little Diamond Liver Pills have saved many lives and reaped a fortune." They parted, but not before Alice's consent was given to his future calls, which resulted six months later in Dr. Martin's marriage to fair Alice. Prepared by the Little Diamond Liver Pill Co., 68, Stanmore Road, West Green, London, N. Price 1s. 1½d., per box of forty.—[Advt.]

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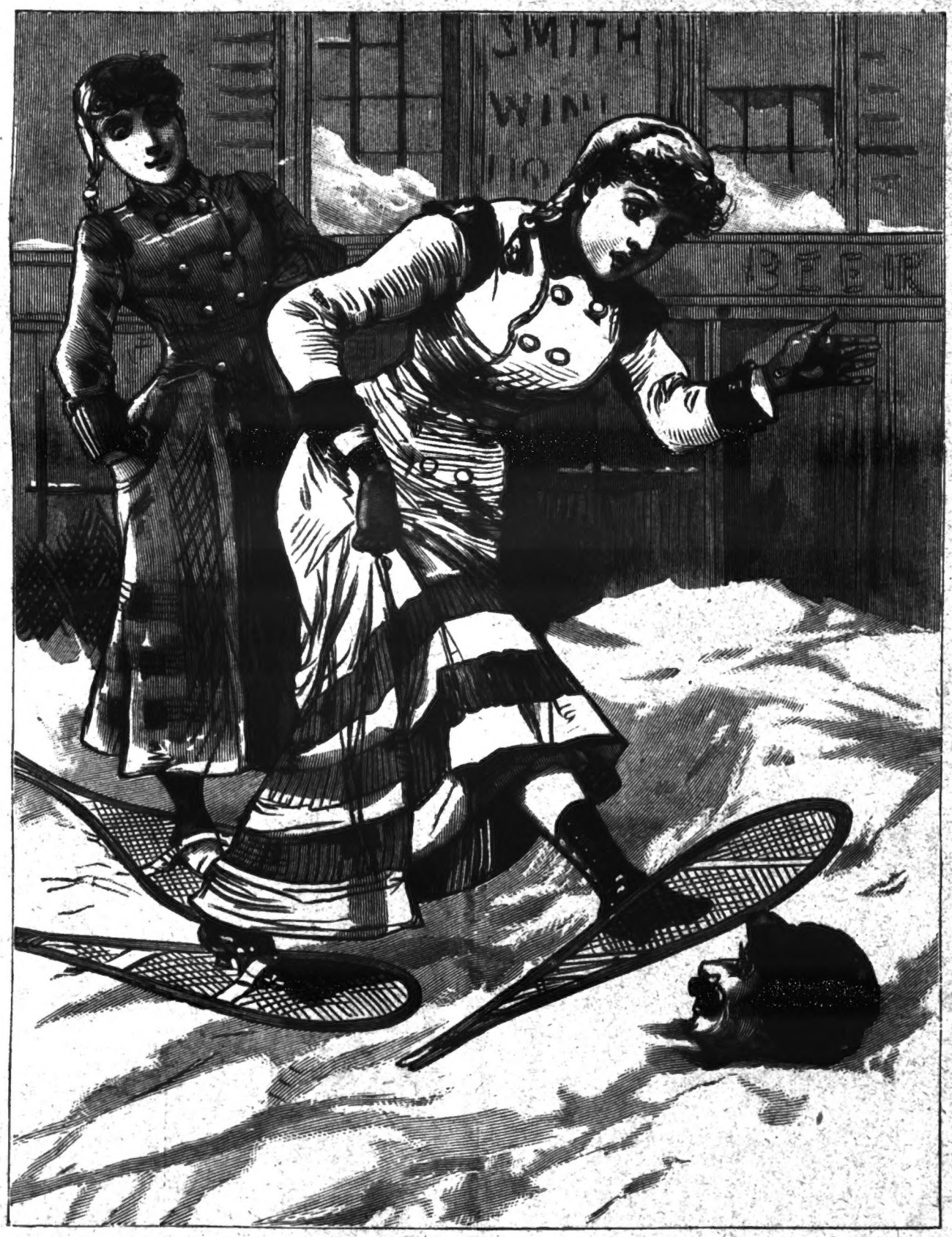
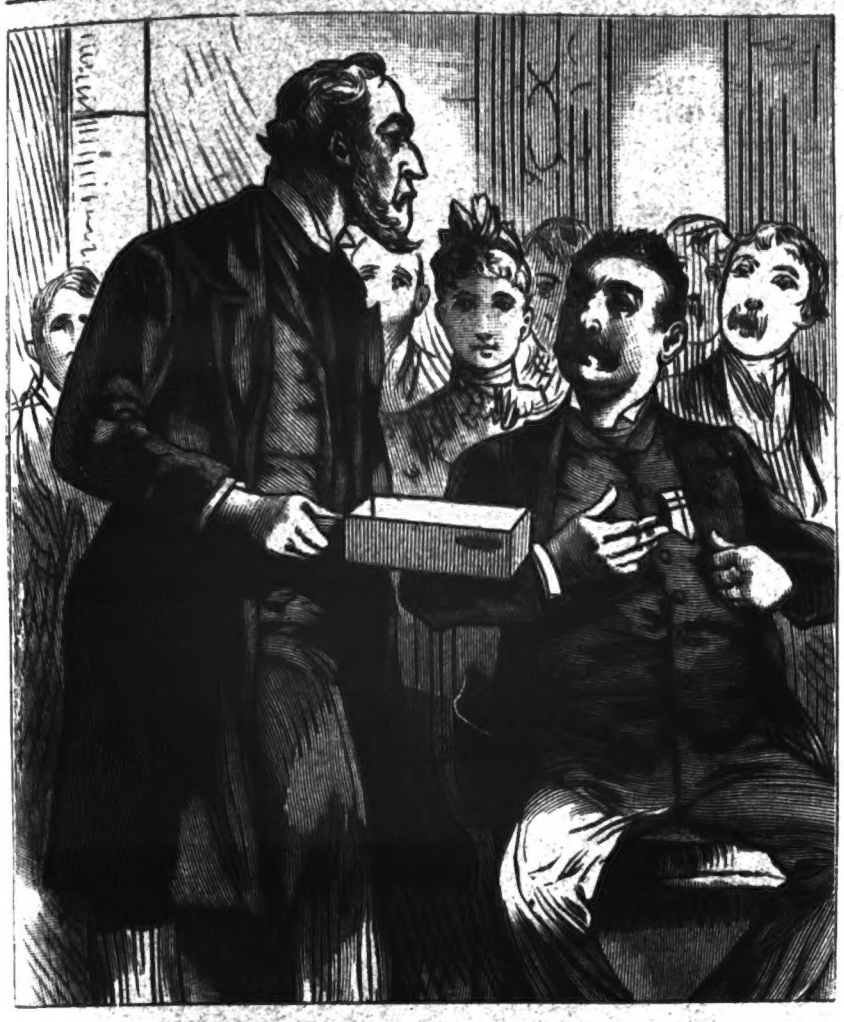
"PEDLAR" PALMER IN TRAINING, WITH A FEW SPORTS.

C. Pendly, Evans and Burns, G. Diggins, McKay, Chester, and F. Allen.



BURIED IN THE SNOW TO HIS NECK.

Two Girls Find and Rescue a Workman.



HE DECLINED TO CONTRIBUTE.
He Did Not Give Any Money in Charity.

MRS. "PEDLAR" PALMER,
The Attractive and Pretty Wife of "The Little Box of Tricks."

RETURNED TO HIS HOME AFTER TWENTY YEARS.
Unlike the Prodigal Son he was Prosperous.

THE GOATS HAD THE BEST OF THE MEETING.
One of the Officers Nearly Loses his Life.

HOCH DER KAISER.

IN REPLY TO MR. GEORGE GRIMM, Liverpool.—These verses were recited at the Union League Club dinner given to the officers of the U.S. cruiser Raleigh by Captain Coghlan of that war-ship. We understand they were composed by an Englishman at Hong Kong:—

Der Kaiser of dis Fatherland
Und Gott on high all dings command—
Ve two—ach! Don't you understand?
Myself—und Gott.

Vile some men sing der power divine,
Mein soldiers sing "Der Wacht am Rhein"
Und drink der health, in a Rheinish wine,
Of Me—und Gott.

Dere's France, she swaggers all aroundt,
She's ausgesspieldt.
To much we think she don't amount;
Myself—und Gott!

She vill not dare to fight again,
But if she shouldt, I'll show her blain
Dot Elsass (und in French) Lorraine
Are mein—by Gott.

Dere's grandma dinks she is nicht small beer
Mit Boers und such she interferes;
She'll learn none owns dis hemisphere
But me—und Gott!

She dinks, good frou, some ships she's got
Und soldiers mit der scarlet coat,
Ach! We could knock them! Pouf!
Like that.
Myself—midt Gott!

In dimes of peace, brobare for wars,
I bear de spear and helm of Mars,
And care not for den thousand Czars,
Myself—midt Gott!

In fact, I humor efry whim,
With aspect dark and usage grim;
Gott pulls mit me, and I mit him.
Myself—und Gott!

BILLIARDS AT THE GOLDEN Fleece, Islington.—At the above select hostelry in the Essex Road a handicap is at present in progress between sixty-four patrons of the house. Six prizes have to be played for, the first being one of £12 12s and the others run down to the consolation one of 10s 6d. The heats are 250 up, the top weight being Mr. H. Moore (owes 150), with Mr. D. Bushell (receives 170) the limit man. The handicap was voted a good one, and the majority of the trials have produced close finishes, though, at times, the non-favourite has, by a run of luck, won by a distance. The well-known player A. Turner acts as referee and marker, and gives satisfaction to every player. On Tuesday one of our representatives saw the bout between Messrs. Goodchild and Jeffries, that took place before a good company. Though playing for honours both acted in a very gentlemanly manner, and seldom polled his opponent. It is only just to state that both were out of form, the best breaks being 18 to each player. Goodchild kept his handicap advantage almost to the end, when his opponent ran away, passed him, and remained wanting a single point. However Goodchild did not lose heart, but seemed to improve, and ultimately won by one point. Those that have qualified for the second round are H. Huggins (beating W. Walters by 154), W. Houghton (beat W. Elves by 66), H. Burt (beat J. Magnus by 21), S. Ayres (beat J. W. Francis by 21), G. Hodgkinson (beat J. Benjamin by 11), B. Harris (w.o.), J. Day (absent), R. Metcalfe (beat A. Emperor by 17), H. Wiles (w.o.), C. Feist (absent), H. Moore (beat E. Coburn by 137), J. North (beat H. Hammett by 25), F. Groves (beat D. Buchell by 22), A. North (w.o.), F. Watts (absent). Moore made the best breaks in the handicap.

BIRD SINGING — THE CROWN, Picton Street, Camberwell.—The following are the results of a linnet handicap which took place on Sunday evening, the 3rd inst., for prizes put up by the proprietor, and on next Sunday, March 10, open to all comers under similar conditions, a handicap will take place. Results of March 3:—First pair was up at 7.30. Fair play was the order. J. Tuley, of Camberwell, was present on behalf of THE MIRROR OF LIFE, and the scoretakers were W. Neal Brent and Dackcombe. Brown and Ham, first pair, 5 chalks; afterwards Brent and Jones, 1, score 6, 5 chalks. The next pair: Perry and Harry Bird, score 1, 4, 15 chalks. The next was Dackcombe and Haynes, score 1, 7, no chalks. Quite a large gathering of bird fanciers were present. The winning bird owned by Dackcombe, Camberwell.

CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.—The Essex Beagles won the National Cross-Country Championship on Saturday, Cork City Harriers being second, and the Salford Harriers third. A. Shrubb, of the South London Harriers, was the first man home, his time being 63min 45 4-5sec.

NELSON'S HEAD, HORATIO Street, Hackney Road. Proprietor, Mr. George Ellis.—On Tuesday, the 26th ult. a meeting was held at the above house in connection with the benefit for the widow and children of the late W. Billingham. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. Sutton, his late employer. The secretary, Mr. J. Stilwell, congratulated the committee on the promising financial position of the funds of the benefit. At the suggestion of the chair the ball was set rolling by Mr. Alf Billingham, who sang in good style "Queen of the Earth," afterwards obliging with "Coming Home"; Mr. Sam Thompson "Our Lodger," and by special request obliged with "Starlight Kate"; Mr. Charles Olley next rendered "Soldiers of the King" in first rate style, also "The Men of Merry England." The chief event of the evening was a bout of exhibition boxing by those celebrated midgets, Master Alf Ellis and Master Atwell, both hailing from Bethnal Green. They have undergone a systematic course of instruction from that able exponent of the noble art, Mr. Albert Hollings, of Bethnal Green, and judging from the clever display they made they reflect great credit upon their instructor. Mr. Wally Cooper next sang very creditably "The Gay Parisienne," mine host "The Death of Nelson," and a most enjoyable evening was concluded by Mr. J. Hastings singing "Donnely and Cooper." Three cheers were called for King Edward VII., and responded to most vigorously.

DANCING AT HOLBORN TOWN Hall.—On Monday last Mr. H. R. Johnson held a special long-night dance at the above resort, when a large and select body of ladies and gentlemen attended. It is always pleasant to witness young and old, high and low, as well as the members of other nationalities, enjoy themselves as they turn to the strains of the stately valse, the mazy schottische, or a set dance. No one understands the art of deportment better than Mr. Johnson, who, for a series of years, has been recognised as the champion of them all. Amidst the roll of dances the latest continental one, Pas Des Patineurs (skating) was found, and as good exponents of the terpsichorean art found it a magnificent one, it will, without a doubt, make a name for itself in the season.

JACK CARKEEK AT ISLINGTON.—After a week in the country Jack Carkeek, the king of wrestlers, is again in the metropolis with his offer of £10 to any man that he fails to throw in fifteen minutes, the style to be either Græco-Roman or catch-as-catch-can. The representative of THE MIRROR OF LIFE, Mr. R. Josephs, is officiating as referee, with the popular manager of the hall (Collins's) as timekeeper and M.C. Last Monday three sent in to compete, and the one selected to do battle for Monday was Tom Karoel (Wigan), who selected the classic mode of wrestling. It was indeed worth seeing, and the two athletes (both went over 14st) tried all they knew, the Yankee to throw his opponent, the latter to last out time. Finally, after nearly ten minutes hard work, the American gained the fall. Full particulars of the other bouts that take place this week will be seen in our next edition.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN FOOT-baller.—A well-known Northamptonshire footballer and athlete has just passed away in the person of Mr. J. L. Stanley, who until a few weeks since was a member of the firm of Wingrove and Stanley, builders, Northampton. Deceased, who was but twenty-nine years of age, and was a son of a former Mayor of Wisbech, where his death took place after a long illness, was a prominent amateur in the county a few years ago. He played centre-forward for Rushden, Wolverton, and Northampton, and occasionally a London team, and also took part in several inter-county engagements. He was also a well-known amateur sprinter and hockey player, highly respected and very popular.

SAM BALL TO DOLAN, OF LEEDS.—Sam Ball will run Dolan, of Leeds, two miles, for £100 a-side, Dolan to concede Ball a quarter of a mile start, to be run same grounds as last match.

THE NEW AMERICAN CUP defender now in process of construction at Bristol, R.I., will be painted white on her top sides, while her underbody will be a bright green. Rumours have been afloat that the cup racer's Tobin bronze plating would not be painted as has been the case with previous American cup boats. Late reports from Bristol show that the work on this defender is going on more rapidly and smoothly than when either the Defender or Columbia were built.

BOXING. **The Knock-out Blow and how to avoid it.** Novices and advance boxers receive personal tuition and practice from Prof. Newton light-weight champion 1882-1890), who taught and trained thirty winners of open competitions. Boxing classes are now in full swing; also private lessons given daily. Every requisite appertaining to the comfort of the pupils, including shampooing, shower-baths, &c. Full particulars, apply to—**Professor Andrew J. Newton**, North London School of Arms and Physical Culture, 55, Barnsbury Road, N. (Central to Angel and King's Cross).

SUPERSTITIOUS FIGHTERS.

NEARLY ALL THE CHAMPIONS HAVE THEIR WHIMS AND FANCIES.

(Special.)

NEW YORK, February 21.

"DO YOU KNOW," SAID A WELL-known trainer of prize-fighters to me at an up-town hotel the other night, "that pugilists as a class are the most superstitious people in my estimation in the world? There is not a boxer in the profession to-day who does not possess a characteristic whim or foible. Of course, that is human nature, but the general public is not aware that many of our noted scrappers believe in talismans, such as rabbits' feet, luck stones, battered coins, &c. Even some of them go as far as to praying that defeat may not be their fate.

"Jim Jeffries is probably the most peculiar character in this respect in the ring to-day. While he openly says that he is not afraid of any man his height and weight in the world, and justly so, for I consider him a great fighter, he does not take any chances. Before he enters the ring he is very nervous, and his first thoughts are of his mother. He thinks of her night and day, and believes that with her in his mind he will never lose. While in training everything must be so. His gloves must be tied a certain way, and if the strings are twisted he will kick. He thinks that it will bring him ill luck. He must have his usual seat at the table at his training quarters, and he will not do any work after a certain hour.

"Jeff likes animals, but does not want them about him on the day of an important combat. He believes that it presages sure defeat. The champion is afraid of Friday, too. On that day he is always out of humour and seldom smiles. He considers it hard luck to be jovial on that day. He invariably wears a red sweater while training, for he is of the opinion that it is a fortunate colour. One day while he was at work at Asbury Park for his memorable contest with Bob Fitzsimmons he spied a dirty-looking cent on the road. Tommy Ryan was with him at the time, and when the champion saw the coin he was at first loath to pick it up. Turning to Ryan he said, pointing to the ground, 'There's a cent over there, Tom, and I am afraid to touch it. I'll take a chance, though, and if it is heads up why I'll beat Fitz without a doubt. If it isn't, why, Tom, I'll get licked sure.' So Jeff picked the cent up, and sure enough it was heads up. I tell you he was as happy as a child with a new toy when he discovered this, and you could not make him believe after that that Fitz had a chance.

"Speaking of McGovern, why, he is one of the most superstitious boxers now in the game. Terry has a habit of spitting in his shoes before he engages in a mill. He always kisses his wife, too, and I have been told that he has often prayed. On the night of his match with Oscar Gardner, while on the way to the Broadway A.C., it suddenly occurred to Terry that he had forgotten to kiss his wife. He had barely enough time to get ready, and insisted that he must return to his wife, who was waiting for news of the fray at a neighbouring hotel. 'I feel nervous to-night, Sam,' said McGovern to Manager Harris, 'and I think I'm going to lose.' Harris was surprised over this unexpected remark and asked, 'Why, Terry?' 'Because,' answered the little champion, 'I forgot to kiss the missus. I guess I'll have enough time to do so,' and without further ado Terry left the clubhouse, and went to his wife. He was back in a jiffy, and was apparently much relieved. When the battle was over McGovern said to Harris, 'I'm very glad that I went back to the hotel. I was punished for my forgetfulness by being knocked down in the first round, and it would have served me right had I been licked.'

"'Kid' Lavigne had a good way to stave off ill luck when he was forging to the front. He invariably used to dance and jig during the last week of his training. In those days he took exceptionally good care of himself, and would not touch a drop of intoxicating liquor. When he was matched to fight Jimmy Handler, which battle practically brought him into prominence as a fighter, he skipped the rope a certain number of times each day; no matter how tired or exhausted he felt he would not stop until he had gone through his regular performance with the rope. Another of his whims was to keep tally on the number of blows he delivered while punching the bag. He would not punch it more or less than 1,500 times a day. While in bathing he used to count his strokes, and did the same thing while rowing. I remember when I visited him at Oceanic, N.J., one summer's day, he was out of sorts. Sam Fitzpatrick, his manager, asked him what was up. The 'Kid' brightened up a bit, and said, 'I forgot to do something to-day which I should have done and I think I will have hard luck.' When further questioned he told us that he had forgotten to count the number of times he had struck the bag, and was apprehensive that he had not done his usual number. We cheered him by telling him to make up for the deficiency the next day, which, you can bet, he did.

"Bob Fitzsimmons is a great fellow for dreams. He indulges in more dreams than any other pugilist living. Before his mill with Jim Jeffries, when he lost the championship, he dreamed that he would get whipped in so many rounds. The thought was so strong on his mind that he said to his wife the next morning, 'Rose, I'm going to lose. I felt in my sleep last night that Jeffries knocked me out. The fight was so vividly pourtrayed that you cannot make me believe that it isn't so.' Bob will not strip for any person while in training unless he has made a horseshoe. He turned one out every day while exercising, and every thirteenth one he keeps for himself. These he retains for a few days before the battle, and then throws them away. He likes the association of pet animals, and is somewhat freakish in this respect. He must have one or two of them around his quarters every day, much to the annoyance of his trainers and admirers. Before he enters the ring Fitz always folds his arms, and stands in an upright position for nearly ten minutes. He does not have very much to say at all times, but two hours before the fray he is very quiet, and will not speak unless first addressed. One of his other peculiarities, which is not generally known, is to look at the stars on a bright night, and count one hundred.

"'Spike' Sullivan is a very unique character both in and out of training. His first duty each morning while at work for an important contest is to say his prayers. 'Spike' is very good to his parents, and after every fight, whether he wins or loses, and whether the purse is large or small, he invariably gives a certain sum of money to his mother. 'Spike' has an old overcoat which he brought to this country from Ireland. He always brings the garment, which is torn and nearly threadbare now, when he fights. Dave Sullivan, his brother, is superstitious, and always uses a certain pen which he carries to sign the papers. On two occasions Dave forgot to bring his pen, and much to his chagrin he lost.

"Tom Sharkey wears a certain pair of tights when he fights. He has worn the same ever since he became a fighter. Tom is always out of sorts while in training. No matter what the surroundings may be to all outward appearances, he is apparently far from being happy. He thinks that if he is jovial he will surely get licked. Last summer, while he was preparing for his mill with Gus Ruhlin at Sheepshead Bay, Bob Fitzsimmons sent him two peacocks. Sharkey was always apprehensive of the birds, because a wise old woman in Ireland once told him that they were unlucky. When the peacocks arrived at the bay, Sharkey was far from being pleased. He told his trainers to return the birds to the Cornishman at once. Upon second thought, however, he made up his mind to keep them, thinking, perhaps, that he would offend Bob if he did not do so. Well, when Ruhlin licked him Sharkey was a sorry and disappointed man, and to this day believes that the peacocks were his Jonahs.

"Jem Corbett is the most superstitious of the bunch. He will not make a match unless his hair is properly combed and his shoes are freshly shined. He always carries a cane when signing the papers, and if you notice he invariably has a cigar in his mouth. On the afternoon of the contest Jim always plays cards with his trainer. His favourite game is cassino. He will play till he wins a certain number of games. He believes in horseshoes, and always has one above the door of his sleeping apartment. He usually has a number of mascots at his quarters, such as stray dogs, luck stones, coins, &c. When on the road he will never stop to look at a white horse. He is very much afraid of a cross-eyed person, and will travel out of his way to avoid meeting one. Corbett always hums a tune while swinging the Indian clubs, and will not converse while putting on his costume preparatory to a bout. He is also afraid of number thirteen, and looks upon Friday as a very evil day. Joe Walcott has a weakness for the proverbial rabbit's foot, and is never without one while training. Gus Ruhlin will not arrange a match on Friday. Tommy Ryan will not fight without a small coin, which he wears in his belt. Peter Maher believes in prayers, too, and never enters the ring unless he has said them.

"John L. Sullivan is not superstitious. He takes things just as they come. He says that if a man is going to lose there is nothing can save him. John, however, is inclined to believe in palmistry. He says that many years ago he met an old man while travelling around the country, who read the palm of his hand, and who told him a lot of things which have since happened. But John does not think that this had anything to do with his defeat by Corbett. He declares that he was getting too old, and got licked as a consequence."

EVENTS TO COME.

The following contests will take place during March:—

MARCH 7.—Annual Competitions of the Mincing Lane Boxing and Athletic Club, James Street, Buckingham Gate, S.W.

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MARCH 7.—At the Drill Hall, Camden Town, 17th Middlesex Rifles School of Arms Competitions.

MARCH 7.—At the Drill Hall, Camden Town, the Eighth Amateur Boxing Competitions of the 17th Middlesex Rifles School of Arms.

MARCH 7.—Amateur Boxing Competitions 17th Middlesex Rifles School of Arms, Drill Hall, High Street, Camden Town.

MARCH 7.—At the National Sporting Club, Heavy-weight Competition.

MARCH 9.—Joe Smith and Bill Dipple, Boxing Tournament at Wonderland, Whitechapel.

MARCH 11.—At Gissett's Circus, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sammy Kelly, of America, v. Will Curley, of Newcastle.

MARCH 11.—Charlie Mannering's Boxing Show, Public Hall, New Brompton.

MARCH 11.—Tee-To-Tum, Stamford Hill—Arthur Gutteridge's Assault-at-Arms, Dave Wallace v. George Slark, for £50.

MARCH 12.—Annual Assault-at-Arms, Polytechnic Boxing Club, 309, Regent Street, W.

MARCH 14.—At the National Sporting Club, 8st 4lb Competition.

MARCH 15.—Arthur Lock's Benefit at The Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington.

MARCH 16.—At 3 p.m., at the National Sporting Club, 8st 4lb Competition.

MARCH 18.—At Newcastle, Jem Richardson, Honolulu, v. Jack Quinn, Belfast, twenty rounds; Bob Wilkinson, Jarrow, v. S. Johnson, Gateshead, fifteen rounds.

MARCH 18.—At the National Sporting Club Harry Harris (America) v. "Podlar" Palmer, fifteen rounds; Corporal Fairclough v. Corporal Sanders, ten rounds; semi-finals and finals of an 8st 4lb Novices' Competition, and other boxing.

MARCH 21.—Annual Boxing Competitions Belsize Boxing Club.

MARCH 21.—At 3 p.m., at the National Sporting Club, 8st 4lb Competition.

MARCH 23.—At 3 p.m., at the National Sporting Club, 8st 4lb Competition.

MARCH 25.—At the National Sporting Club, Jem Harper v. Harry Clark, ten rounds; semi-finals and finals of an 8st 4lb Novices' Competition, Six Rounds Contests, and other boxing.

MARCH 27.—"Punch" Vaughan v. Dick Ward, twelve rounds for £50 a-side and a £40 purse, in private.

MARCH 28.—At 3 p.m., at the National Sporting Club, 9st Competition.

MARCH 30.—At 3 p.m., at the National Sporting Club, 9st Competition.

BOXING AT THE NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.

MIDDLE-WEIGHT (NOVICES') COMPETITION.

A. CAMPLIN (SOMERS TOWN) BEAT Tom Warley (Southwark).—In the second round Warley went down twice, and then the affair was stopped. H. Willis (Deptford) beat J. Casey (Notting Hill).—Willis punched harder and longer, with the result that Casey retired before the call of time. A. Dees (New Cross) beat F. Weaver (Fulham).—Hurricane work started the bout from start to finish. Dees slashed away left and right, and after going down twice Weaver was stopped in less than a minute. Jem Sullivan (Fulham) beat Tom Gill (Paddington).—Gill in the first round got a rap on the chin and went out. J. Plumb (Kingsland) beat J. Harrison (Walworth).—Plumb had Harrison out in less than two minutes. Ted Image (Lambeth) beat J. Oblein (Hackney).—Oblein went well, but Image hung on, and, staying best at the punching, he compelled Oblein to retire half-way through the second bout. Alf Linton (Bloomsbury) beat C. Lane (Bloomsbury).—Linton punched so often on the head, with the result that Lane was beaten before the end of the second bout. E. Bromhead (Bloomsbury) sparred a warm bye with Harry Barrett. Four Rounds Contest: J. Calder (Leytonstone) beat "Ginger" Mallett (Southwark).—Calder was invariably first at work, and, quick in his leads and clever on his feet, he drove the left home on the face, and never losing his lead, won a clever and well-contested set-to. Four Rounds Contest: "Jumbo" King (Lambeth) and "Boss" Edwards (Marylebone) a draw.—Edwards was the better boxer, but at the end of a fine bout the judges disagreed, and the referee declared it a draw.

BILL CHESTER DEFEATS BILL WOOD.

TOM ILLIDGE WINS THE COMPETITION.

THE POSTPONED MATCH BETWEEN Bill Wood, of Clapton, and Bill Chester, of Mile End, which was looked forward to with considerable interest, ended in a very quick and summary fashion, both men being determined to finish the business with as little delay as possible, and, regardless of defence, swung and hit for all they were worth. Wood landed on the desired spot, but with not sufficient strength to stop the Mile Ender. The latter, keeping close to his man, dropped him with a right on the jaw, and Wood was counted out. The officials were: Mr. J. H. Douglas, referee; Mr. Eugene Corri, timekeeper; and Mr. Bettinson, M.C. Messrs. Tom Scott and Hall Say judged the competitions. Details:—

11st 4lb NOVICES' COMPETITION.

ABE CAMPLIN beat (Somers Town) H. WILLS (Deptford).

Wills made the pace a warm one, but after several rough exchanges Camplin landed on the jaw with the right, and Wills held out his hand half-way through the round.

JEM SULLIVAN beat (Fulham) A. DEES (New Cross).

Sullivan led the attack, and put plenty of steam in his blows, getting the left home with good effect. Up for the second time he kept getting the left home, and Dees short in his deliveries. Sullivan's round all the way. The third meeting Sullivan hit harder and oftener, and won.

TOM ILLIDGE beat (Lambeth) G. PLUMB. (Kingsland).

Illidge won half way through a scrambling bout, Plumb retiring.

ALF LENTON beat (Bloomsbury) C. BROMWELL (Bloomsbury).

Lenton had all the best of the exchanges, driving his man round the ring. The second round opened tamely, but Lenton kept popping in the left, and following his man up from corner to corner scored easily. The last round was a quiet one, and Lenton won with a lot in hand.

SEMI-FINALS.

SULLIVAN beat CAMPLIN.

Both hit hard, and Camplin went to his knees. There was very little to choose between them when sent to their seats. In the second round Sullivan uppercut his man, and had the best of the exchanges. At the third meeting there was more power in Sullivan's blows, and displaying better generalship, won with something in hand.

ILLIDGE beat LENTON.

Very evenly contested through the first round, both visiting the dial with both hands, but displaying no science. The second round Illidge forced the pace, and they mixed it. Lenton scored towards the close. The third attempt both a bit tired. Occasionally Illidge tried a swing, but Lenton keeping up the attack, after a quiet spin Illidge gained the award.

FINAL.

ILLIDGE beat SULLIVAN.

Illidge tried forcing tactics, and Sullivan spent most of the time on the floor, going down nine times. The referee gave the award to Illidge.

FIFTEEN ROUNDS CONTEST.

BILL CHESTER beat (Mile End) BILL WOOD (Clapton).

Bill Wood was the first in the ring, having Bill Baxter, "Dido" Plumb, and Pat Daly in attendance. He looked well, but hardly so fit as Chester, who was in the pink of condition, thanks to his trainer Eddy Pearce, who, with George Harding and Billy Smith, of America, acted as second for the Mile Ender. They were quickly despatched on their journey by the sound of the gong. A cautious spar for a few seconds. Chester was the first to commence, and swinging the left on the body, clinched. Both landed on the dial and Wood went down and claimed a foul. Chester still forcing the pace dashed in when his rival had gained his feet, and driving home the right sent Wood to the boards. The latter was counted out half way through the first round.

FOUR ROUNDS CONTEST.

BILL JOHNSON beat (Canning Town) TED KNIGHT (Westminster).

Johnson, inches taller, led off, but Knight, using both hands, had the best of it and Johnson slipped down. The second meeting Johnson was toppled over and on rising had considerably the worst of the deal, looking very flushed. Both went at it in good style regardless of defence, and Johnson pulled up well, flooring his man just as the gong sounded. Starting the next round, Johnson floored his man, and the referee stopped the contest.

BOXING IN SOUTH WALES.

BILL GRIFFITHS AND JEM ARNOLD, FOR £100 A-SIDE, AT BRYNMAWR.

THIS CONTEST TOOK PLACE last Monday. It arose out of a match which took place between Griffiths and Rees Owen a few weeks ago. They boxed at catch-weights. Griffiths is a few years his opponent's junior, and had been trained at the Coach and Horses, Stonebridge Park, under the care of George Corfield (Sheffield), and Arnold went to the Hope Inn, Dudley, with Tom Dolan. As a preliminary to the chief event Will Hugson, of Brynmawr, and Harry Williams, of Blaina, engaged in a three rounds display, and then Thomas and Austin followed. For the event of the evening Griffiths was assisted by Stokes (Sheffield) and Tom Books, the old prize-fighter, whilst Arnold was supported by Tom and Jem Dolan. Round 1. The men faced each other in the best of condition. Arnold was evidently the heavier man. Griffiths eventually landed an upper cut, which staggered his opponent, and in reply Griffiths was sent to the floor. Clinching was the order for the remainder of the round, Griffiths stopping the smart jabs of his opponent in a good style. Round 2. Griffiths continued his careful tactics, and was evidently bent on wearing out his man. Upon two occasions the New Tredegar man was forced on to the ropes. Eventually the tables were turned, and Bill let home a smart left hander, followed by a swinging left. Arnold was getting palpably weaker, as Griffiths had him fairly set when time was called. Round 3. The boxing was cautious on both sides. In attempting to get away Arnold ducked, his opponent sending him over on to the ropes. A foul was claimed, but disallowed. Griffiths landed several nasty blows, and the local man was on the floor when "Time!" was called. Round 4 and last. From the outset it was patent the contest could not last long, and a hot smack sent Arnold to the floor. Later on he was the recipient of a swinging left-hander which floored him, and he was counted out, Griffiths being declared the winner. THE MIRROR OF LIFE held stakes and provided gloves, as well as referee and timekeeper.

CONTESTS IN BIRMINGHAM.—A couple of exhibition bouts between four very smart Birmingham lads were brought off at a well-known boxing resort near the centre of Birmingham, before a small crowd of well-known local sportsmen. W. Phalin and Owen Moran, a couple of 7st lads, were the first to show their ability, and both lads were responsible for some very smart work. Half-way through the stipulated half-dozen rounds Phalin unfortunately fell and hurt his knee and had to retire a fairly level loser. George Broome and George Phalin, brother of W. Phalin then gave an exhibition of very fast boxing, and went through six two-minute rounds in such a style as greatly pleased those present. Phalin had a long reach, but was at a disadvantage as regards weight, and had to succumb to the business-like tactics adopted by Broome, who had won well at the end of the half-dozen rounds.

WILLIE HOLT, THE WELL-KNOWN South London boxer, who at the outbreak of the war joined the R.A.M.C., and took part in a large number of engagements, arrived in town last Wednesday. With a number of our defenders he was invalided home, and after a pleasant voyage on the ss. Mohawk arrived at Southampton as stated. He states that being home he will be only too pleased to box anyone at 10st 4lb at Arthur Locke's (the ex-9st 10lb champion) benefit on Friday, March 15, at the Horns, Kennington.

C. M. CORLETTE (MANCHESTER) in answer to Dick Ward (Manchester).—As Ward mentions nothing about weight Corlette is quite willing to box him the best of fifteen or twenty rounds, give or take 4lb, for £50 or £75 a-side and the best purse offered.

BRYANSTONE CLUB.—DAVE BARRY requires entries for an 8st 6lb competition, March 18, 114, Lisson Grove.

JACK EVERHARDT AT THE CAPE.

THERE WAS A VERY BIG HOUSE at the Good Hope Hall on February 5, to witness Everhardt's second public appearance in the ring in South Africa, to witness the feat of one man fighting two contests with an interval of only twenty minutes between each. Most of the people who were there expected to see both men knocked out; they understood, although it was not so stated, that that was Everhardt's intention.

EVERHARDT v. WALKER.

After some trouble, a referee was found in the well-known old-time middle-weight, Owen Sullivan, Mr. W. M. Jenkins officiating with the watch. Round 1. Both men faced in the centre, each adopting the crouching attitude. Everhardt quickly drove his man to the ropes, but whenever he got close Walker clinched. At last he landed on the Cape Town man's dial, and then twice on the body, and when the gong went he had his opponent on the ropes. Round 2. Everhardt quickly got Walker in a corner; the latter, covering every vulnerable part with his arms, allowed Everhardt to rush him, but clinched whenever they were close. Everhardt in vain tried to entice the Cape Town man to attack him by throwing his entire body open, but Walker was not taking any. Rounds 3 and 4. Walker followed the same tactics, except that in each round he went down when Everhardt came in contact with him, and took full advantage of the time limit. Round 5. Everhardt ran his man round the ring, and he eventually went down, Everhardt apparently following him and striking him while on the ground. Foul was cried, but was ignored by the referee. Rounds 6 and 7. Everhardt attacked incessantly, and occasionally got home on the body—he changed his tactics when he found that Walker covered his head—but could not put his opponent, who went down when hard pressed. Round 8. At outset Everhardt rushed Walker, who countered and got in a right swing on the body. The American, however, returned to the attack, and got home on the body and on the side of the head. He went down to the latter blow. Everhardt stood over him, waiting for him to get up. Walker waited 9 sec., and then rose to his feet, only to go down again to a jab on the body. The gong went in the nick of time, but no one, the uproar was so great at the time, seemed to notice it, and as Walker rose to his feet Everhardt struck him. He saw at once that he had acted wrongly, and withdrew. Foul was claimed, but disallowed by the referee, who ruled that the blow was struck before the gong sounded. Walker refused to continue, and amid a scene of indescribable excitement, the referee awarded the fight to Everhardt.

EVERHARDT v. KENNEDY.

In this contest Mr. Maurice Goodall, the well-known amateur, officiated as referee. Round 1. Kennedy faced his redoubtable opponent in the centre of the ring. After some initial sparring, Kennedy got home lightly on the mouth. Everhardt responded with a heavy right-hand blow on the neck; thenceforward Kennedy made most use of his reach and avoided Everhardt's rushes by clever ducking. Round 2. Everhardt, after receiving a left jab on the mouth, got at close quarters, but so well did Kennedy cover himself that all he did was to deliver some ineffectual blows on his opponent's head. At the close of the round Everhardt tried to down Kennedy, but the latter avoided smartly. Rounds 3, 4, and 5. The same tactics were observed; Kennedy prevented Everhardt getting at close quarters, and stopped rushes by keeping the left well out; and jabbing lightly on the mouth. Round 6. There was a lot of clinching in this round, and Kennedy had slightly the best of matters, getting the left twice home on Everhardt's wind. Rounds 7 and 8. Everhardt found that he could not find the vulnerable point on the face, and he tried for the body. He got home several times, but towards the finish he got weak, and his rushes lacked force. In the last two rounds Everhardt was getting palpably weaker, but Kennedy could not hit hard enough to make any impression on the American, who kept up his attack till the time the gong went. As Kennedy was not knocked out, and as both contestants agreed that the fight was to be decided on points, Mr. Goodall unhesitatingly gave the contest to Everhardt, who had done almost all the fighting, and who had scored far more points than his opponent.

"PUNCH" VAUGHAN V. DICK WARD.—These men met to sign articles to box twelve rounds on March 27, in 20ft ring, with 4oz gloves for £50 a-side and a £40 purse given by Mr. Wilkison, of Manchester (to box in private).

JOHNNY THOMAS AND EDDY Benson, his trainer, beg to return their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Searle, of Brighton, and other friends for their kindness during their recent visit.

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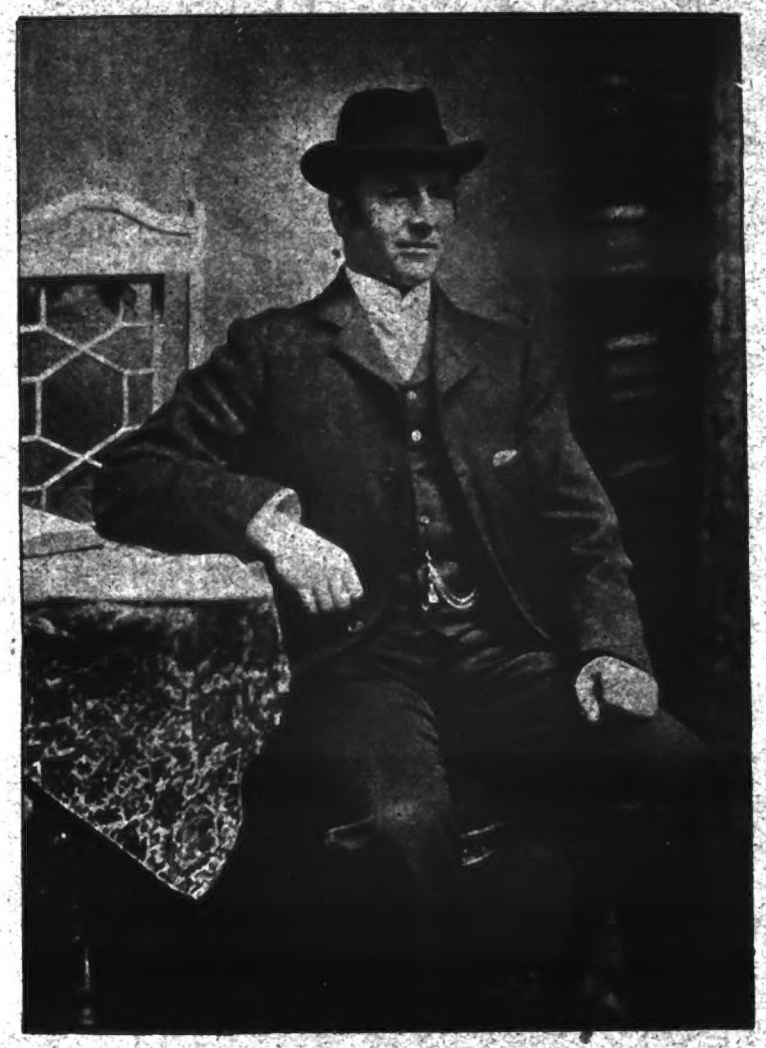
BILL GRIFFITHS,

Of New Tredegar, a Clever Welsh Boxer, who Met James Arnold at the Drill Hall, Brynmawr, Monmouth, South Wales, March 4.



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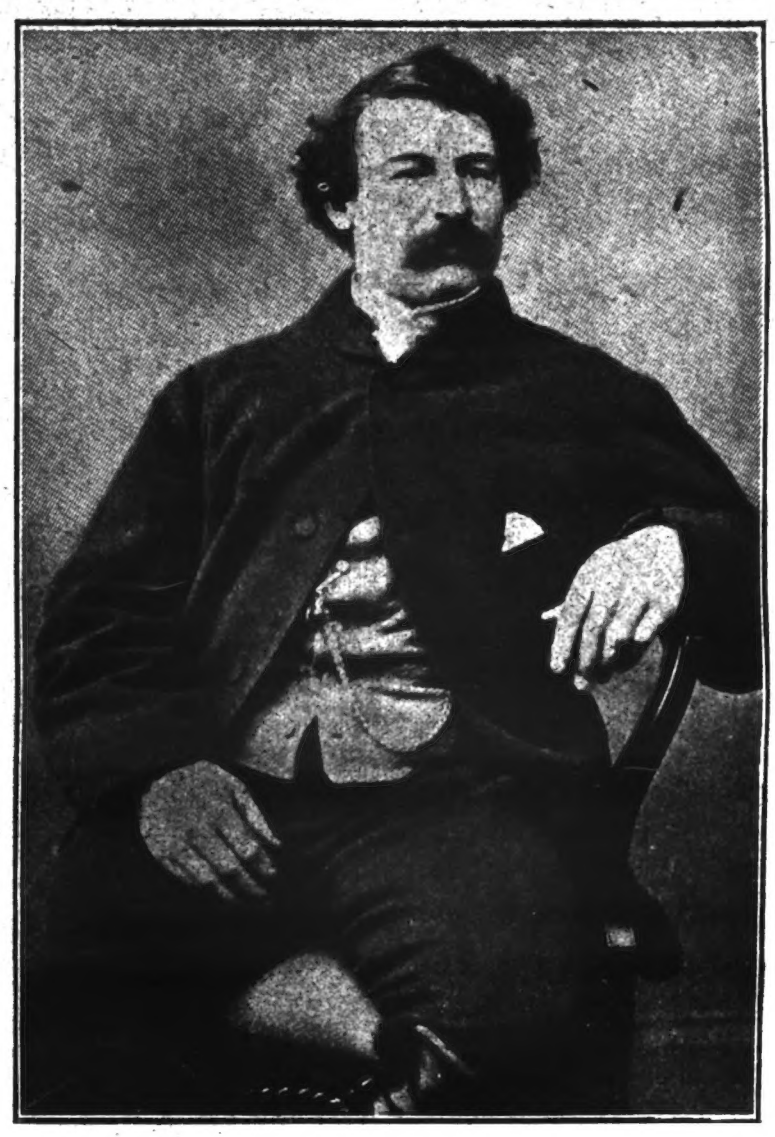

JOHN C. HEENAN,

The Celebrated American Pugilist, who Fought Tom Sayers at Farnborough, April 17, 1860.

THE MONKEY'S AID WAS TIMELY AND PROVIDENTIAL.

The Missing Link Defended the Woman.

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"KID" VEITCH DEFEATS CHARLEY EXALL.

LAST MONDAY, AT THE STANDARD Theatre, Gateshead, Charles Exall, of Bermondsey, met "Kid" Veitch, of Gateshead, to box the best of twenty three-minute rounds, at 7st 8lb, for £25 a-side and a purse of £50. In the first six rounds Veitch held the advantage on points, but in the seventh Exall rendered his opponent somewhat weak with severe straight left flushes on the face. Veitch made use of the ring for recovering at the commencement of the eighth round, but towards the close of the bout he dashed into the Southerner and smashed his left twice on the head. In the ninth round the Tynesider took a strong lead which he somewhat improved in the tenth and eleventh rounds. Exall, however, steadied his opponent with some clever lefts. Both lads became terrifically fast when they next took the centre of the ring, and Exall dropped to his knees from a hard left on the head. Veitch attempted to effect the knock-out, but he was quickly met by the sturdy Southerner with a nasty jab in the mouth. Veitch, however, was irresistible, and Exall again went down to a half left hook on the head. Exall came up remarkably fresh for the fourteenth round. Veitch was the weaker of the pair when he went to his corner. After some quick exchanges Rounds 15 and 16 were slightly in favour of Veitch, but Round 17 saw some merry work. First Veitch and then Exall held command, and in the last few seconds Veitch dropped from the effects of a straight punch in the mouth. In the remaining three rounds Exall displayed better stamina, and scored repeatedly with his left. Finally the verdict was awarded to Veitch, who just held a small balance of points to turn the scale in his favour.

OPEN AMATEUR COMPETITIONS at Camberwell.—More than a generation ago the Cestus B.C. was in the first flight of institutions where gentlemen could be instructed into the mysteries of the noble art. Then Camberwell, Peckham, Dulwich, &c., were green fields, where the builder had just made an attack and, instead of the palatial buildings that can now be seen, the greensward was dotted here and there with county mansions. With the increasing population, many other associations sprang forward in the neighbourhood, but the old club holds its own easily. The headquarters are the South London Club in Boyson Road, Camberwell Gate, and this working man's home is just what is wanted in this locality, though our representative has been present at their splendid concerts, when the hall was not half full. Last Wednesday, however, many of the dials of the members were visible when the club held their competitions at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, and brilliant fighting was seen, the only objection being he late hour matters were finished. The very best of order was maintained, and every one of the stewards, committee and other officials worked with a will. The judges were members of the A.B.A.; timekeeper, Mr. Sperry, the genial hon. sec. of the Lynn; with the talking efficiently done by C. Martin and H. Guy, who, through a printer's error, was described on the programme as W. Grey. 8st Competition: H. Adams (Cestus B.C.) beat J. Pannifer (Sayes Ct. Inst.); F. H. Gill (Lynn B.C.) beat H. Parsons (K.B.C.); A. Freeman (unat.) beat H. Winsbury (unat.); W. Wiggett (Poly. B.C.) beat J. Head (Poly. B.C.); A Harrop (Poly. B.C.) a bye. Second series: Adams beat Harrop, Wiggett beat Gill, Freeman retired. Final: Wigget beat Adams. 9st 6lb Competition: J. T. Mill (Cestus B.C.) beat J. Walker (Lynn A.C.); C. Symons (unat.) beat J. H. Nayler (Boro. Poly.); G. Webb (17th Middlesex Rifles) beat W. Goodman (Battersea F.C.); W. Hagger (Gothic A.C.) beat R. Wellington (Anchor B.C.); A. Young (N.L.S. of P.C.) beat C. Biggs (K.B.C.). Second series: Symons beat Webb; Young beat Hagger; Mill a bye. Semi-finals: Symons beat Mill; Young a bye. Final: Young beat Symons. 10st 8lb Competition: R. C. Warnes (Lynn B.C.) beat H. Jacobs (17th Middlesex Rifles).—As soon as the word to advance was given the Lynn man placed both hands heavily on the head, and the Jew lad seemed all at sea. He ought not to have been boxing, as he had a cancer cut out a short time before, and the bout was very much one sided, and Warnes won in the second round. W. Hughes (Polytechnic B.C.), a bye. Final: Warnes beat Hughes.—Warnes was thought to have an easy task, but after the first exchanges different things were seen. The Polytechnic lad would not give him a rest, and joined in the rallies with a will. In the second bout Warnes began to go about ten miles to the hour, and after almost putting his opponent out, won before the conclusion of the meeting. So game was Hughes that, though knocked out, he kept upon his feet staggering against the ropes, and Warnes would not strike him. The referee, as the Polytechnic man was out, humanely stopped the bout, and Warnes won.

NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT AT WONDERLAND.

ANOTHER OF MESSRS. JOE Smith and Bill Dipple's Champion Boxing Tournaments. Eleven great glove contests: Harry Benson v. Bill Wood, Alf Milson v. Harry Norriss, George Wood v. Willie Stone, Ted Goodson v. Alf Cook, Billie Heals v. Alf Coggins, "Wag" Andrews v. Tommy Harris, Fred Smith v. Ernie Hunt, Ted Calder v. "Ginger" Mallett, W. Perry v. Tom Digsby, Mark Verrill v. Bill Lewis, "Sailor" Lambert v. "Sailor" Hintz. Boxing Manager, Mr. C. Ellett; Secretary, Mr. Bill Dipple; Dressing-room manager, Dan Sullivan; M.C., Ben Harris; Seconds, Albert Dixon, Tom Ireland, Bill Day, Bill Natty.

THE BARNSBURY B.C.'S ASSAULT-at-Arms.—On Thursday last the above amateur institution held its first entertainment under the new rules, and it proved quite a success. When our representative arrived the hall was almost empty, but before half an hour had passed a different tale could be told, as the reserved seats were full and the gallery crowded, though in the pit stalls a few vacant chairs were to be seen. With the A.B.A. barring all that spar at these entertainments, from future competitions under their rules it makes these amateurs more closely connected with the club, and Newton can now keep a promising pupil in the fold. This is a good thing for the club, and as good men are scarce the Barnsbury can keep them and add others to the flock. The sport consisted of an 8st 4lb Novices' Competition for two prizes, one presented by Mr. R. Wooden and the runner-up one given by Mr. H. Beckett. Exhibitions as hard as contests took place between C. Smith (Barnsbury B.C.) and E. Mackenzie (N.L.S. of P.C.), A. Young (N.L.S. of P.C.) and H. Fone (N.L.C.). Young who had won the 9st 6lb at the Cestus B.C. on the previous evening went well, while the actions of the "Coffee Cooler" caused roars of laughter. Harry Barrett and T. W. Smith (Barnsbury B.C.) had a splendid trial, a remark that applies to Joe Parker and L. Johnson (Barnsbury B.C.). A. J. Newton and his midget, Mr. Ward (who stood nearly 6ft), gained rounds of applause for an exhibition of the points of the noble art, while Jack Roberts (Drury Lane) and Ted Mortimer (Clare Market) went great guns in a spirited display, hard hitting, scientific boxing, and comical absurdities forming a pleasant contrast, and causing roars of laughter. To give the company an extra bit for nothing these amiable youths turned hand-springs and somersaults before they retired. Two silver medals were contested for by A. J.'s midgets, these being presented by Mr. G. R. Ward, and Mr. R. Josephs (MIRROR OF LIFE) acted as judge. The smaller of the pair (Owen) went well through a bar-bell exercise, Indian club combination, dumb-bell exercise, fencing bout, and then punched a stuffed figure after sparring with the professor. He was easily first, as, though his opponent scored more than he did with the dumb-bells, he failed to do the bar-bells, and did not attempt to go through a course of physical drill, thus leaving Owen an easy first. The 8st 4lb Competition brought forward four competitors, and some hard fighting was seen throughout. W. Bruce (Barnsbury B.C.) beat C. Chambers (Mildmay A.C.) after a hard-hitting bout lasting the full time; J. Gilbert (unattached) beat H. Wright (unattached) before the first round ended. The first series being four three-minute rounds, the final consisted of six two-minute ones. Bruce beat Gilbert.—A grand fight for supremacy took place from the call of time, and each in turn was in front till, going stronger in the final bout, Bruce went ahead and won. Six Rounds Contest: Bill Stonelake beat Joe Barrett.—Barrett, though as clever as ever, has gone off, while his opponent has done exactly the reverse, and is almost a match for anybody his weight in England. From start to finish he increased his advantage, and, though easing up in the last round, won easily. A peculiar incident took place, Arthur Locke, the 9st 10lb ex-champion, seconding all the winners during the evening. W. Terry (unattached) and Bert Brady, having sparred three rounds, the entertainment ended with a display by Paddy Maloney and Jack Conally. The officials were: Referee, Mr. R. Josephs (MIRROR OF LIFE); judges, Messrs. Snaile and Harvey; timekeeper, Mr. E. V. Tidd, with Mr. Frank Howard as good as one could possibly be in the elocutionistic line.

DAVE PRESTON HAVING WAITED a couple of weeks for a reply to his acceptance of the challenge of Tom Fish to fight any man in Accrington, and not having got a reply, Preston makes Tommy the following offer, as he is particularly desirous of meeting him. Preston will lay him £20 to £10 that he can knock him out in six rounds with 4oz gloves. Failing a match with Fish, Preston will box any second-class 10st man in England twenty rounds for £50 a-side, MIRROR OF LIFE to be stakeholder and appoint referee.

A BOXER IN LUCK'S WAY.

THE WELL-KNOWN SMITHFIELD boxer, Bill Burley, whose record is almost composed of victories, and who beat both the Bath bantam champions, entered the holy bonds of matrimony on Sunday. Rumour, a short time ago, stated that Burley came into a small fortune (£700), and, anxious to take care of it, he entered double harness with his old sweetheart, Miss P. Dunbar. Burley looked as happy as a schoolboy as he walked up the aisle at St. Mary's, Hackney, amidst the cheers of the assembled sportsmen, who came from everywhere. The bride is a handsome young lady, and looked lovely in white, while the groom looked all there in a frock-coat suit. As the benediction went forth Bill looked serious, but still as happy as a man could possibly be. The presents were numerous, and comprised almost everything that can be mentioned, from diamond ornaments to pieces of china. A large number of sports made a mistake, as, hearing the wedding was to take place at two, they came prepared to greet the pair with the orthodox materials—rice, confetti, and old shoes—only to find the ceremony took place in the morning. May health and happiness attend the pair.

'KID" McGOY WILL NEVER AGAIN fight on the 13th day of the month no matter how large the size of the purse may be. He considers Friday his lucky day, for he was born on that day. He attributes his defeats at the hands of Jack McCormick and Tom Sharkey to the number thirteen. He arranged the match for both of these affairs on the thirteenth of the month. You've no doubt noticed that the 'Kid' always tries the ring first before he fights. Some people think this is merely a test, and that he walks about pressing his feet here and there simply to discover some defect or other in the canvas flooring. Not at all. It's just because he has an idea that it will bring him good luck.

BOXING AT THE WEST - END.—Bert North will give a grand boxing tournament at the Lexington Hall, Golden Square, W., this evening (Wednesday, March 13). A good boxing bill of fare has been provided. The firm of Garcia and Jacobs, fruit merchants, Covent Garden, employ several noted boxers as fruit carriers (Bert North being among the number), and they are all down on the boxing bill of fare; and as their guv'nors will be looking on all will be triers. MIRROR OF LIFE referee.

HARRY SLOUGH AND FRANK BEALE return their sincere thanks to the following for their kindness during their short stay at Leicester: Mr. and Mrs. Staples, of the Admiral Nelson, Tom Wickwar, Ted Smith, George Wilson, Abe Smith, Jem Oldham, Tom Wilson, "Young Prussian," Jem Fay, Jack Wickwar, Herbert Milsom, Hiram Deacon, and Harry Munro.

BOXERS AT THE FRONT.

BY THE LAST MAIL FROM SOUTH Africa Professor Newton has received letters from Lieutenant J. A. Moffatt (who, it will be recollected, recently presented the Barnsbury Boxing Club with a magnificent silver cup for open competition), F. Buckland, and H. Tottem, all of whom have distinguished themselves with the mittens at the Barnsbury Club and in open competitions. All write in a cheerful mood. Lieutenant Moffatt, who is serving with the 4th Battalion Mounted Infantry at Barberton, has been engaged in harrying the Boers in the district, and seems to have enjoyed the fun. He says the weather is very warm there now, and often wet at nights, but otherwise quite pleasant. He has had one or two boxing bouts with one of his sergeants, just to keep the game alive. The sergeant weighs about 13st, and has a good right, but is not quick on his legs, so Moffatt was more than able to hold his own. Buckland (who, it will be recollected, won the 9st 4lb competition at the Goldsmiths' Institute, and was runner-up two years in succession in the feather-weight competition at the G.G.S.) is serving with No. 2 Troop, South African Constabulary. They had a brush with the Boers at Modderfontein, and though opposed by superior numbers, finally compelled them to surrender. Tottem is with the Transvaal Constabulary in Pretoria. He approves of the new rules framed by the Barnsbury Boxing Club, and says he thinks any competitor should have the right to have his trainer at the ringside to advise and look after him during a competition, no one else being so fully qualified for that purpose.

A PURSE FOR BILL STONELAKE and Bill Lampshire.—Seeing that Bill Lampshire has recovered from his illness, and is again on the war path, the president of the Barnsbury Amateur Boxing Club will give a substantial purse for them to compete for at the North London Baths, Pentonville, on March 26, when Professor Newton will give one of his series of boxing entertainments.

GEORGE DIXON WOULD NEVER GO into the ring without that well-worn bath-robe of his. He wore this in every battle in which he participated. It always proved a mascot to him. Of late years he has discarded it, and I guess he thinks his downfall was due to this fact. But it is a question whether it could save him from defeat at the hands of such a wonderful pugilist as Terry McGovern.

WILL JACK PEARSON, OF MAN-chester, kindly send his address to Frank Stewart, of Manchester? A letter addressed to THE MIRROR OF LIFE will do.

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3rd BATTALION SCOTS GUARDS' COMPANY AND BATTALION COMPETITIONS.

THE THIRD SCOTS GUARDS have recently organised a boxing class, and last Tuesday evening was set aside for the purpose of deciding the final bouts of the various competitions. Quartermaster-Adderley proved an efficient M.C., the judging and timing being shared by Messrs. A. F. Bettinson, J. H. Douglas, and E. Corri, of the National Sporting Club, while Bill Baxter and Bill Whittley looked after the competitors. Details: Battalion Competitions.—Light-weights: Private J. Dickson beat Private W. Bosworth.—Dickson, if scarcely so tall, was heavier and much stronger than Bosworth. The first-mentioned soon became busy, and, after getting home a couple of smart lefts, he swung his adversary over. Bosworth did better towards the last, but in the second round he was receiver-general, and a sequence of punches on the nose damaged that organ. The finish was keenly contested, but Dickson continued to gain most points, and proved successful. Middle-Weights: Lance-Sergeant A. Stanberry beat Private E. Moorby.—The former, who was giving away height and weight, did all the leading, and after getting home a number of taps on the face his opponent retired. Heavy-Weights: Private T. M'Convey beat Driver A. Newbold.—Although not so bulky as his powerfully-built opponent, Newbold had all the best of height and reach. For one round and a half they were allowed to indulge in tactics of the tamest possible character. A severe caution helped to assist matters slightly, and Newbold, by shooting out his left, obtained most points. The referee again warned them as they stood up for the third time. This had the desired effect, and M'Convey adopted rushing tactics, and scored fast. Some bustling exchanges followed, but Mac, who once slipped down, continued to do most work, and won. Company Competitions (Catch-weights)—Right Flank Company: Driver A. Newbold beat Private R. Read.—The first mentioned, who was taller and heavier, had a shade the best of the first two rounds, which were only productive of moderate work. Read opened the last round by thrice reaching the face, but there was no steam behind the blows. Newbold bustled his adversary all over the ring towards the end, and won comfortably. S Company: Private J. Sheldon beat Private G. Elsey.—The initial meeting was well fought out, and resulted in each gaining an equal number of points. Sheldon rushed his rival at the next attempt, and getting in a severe rib-bender, he caused Elsey to retire. T Company: Private H. Small beat Lance-Corporal J. Dowding.—As they faced each other Small was seen to possess a slight advantage in height. He also showed his superiority, and kept visiting the face and ribs with marked frequency. Dowding joined in a couple of rallies, and did well, but half way through the second round held out his hand in token of defeat. Small was, therefore, declared the winner. U Company: Lance-Sergeant A. Stanberry beat Private J. Downey (V Company).—They opened at a terrific pace, and both got home heavy blows. Downey for a time was the cleverer, but his adversary's heavy lefts on the throat steadied him. A lot of holding followed, but when the outfighting was resumed, Stanberry again took the initiative, and landing a couple of nasty bangs on the throat, he caused Downey to retire. X Company: Private E. Howe beat Private E. Moorby.—Scrambling work all over the ring took place, and Moorby hitting the quicker gained most points. Slogging of a heavy character was indulged in when they stood up for the second time, and from nasty hits on the mouth Howe had his lip cut. A further protracted meeting, and both were frequently on the ground. At the end Howe was returned the winner. Left Flank Company: Private D. Fraser beat Private T. Phillips.—This was of short duration, as Fraser, who was much stronger than his opponent, forced the exchanges, and, getting the right heavily on the jaw, he caused Phillips to give up at the end of 45sec. V Company: Private A. Dale beat Private J. Downey.—They opened very quietly, and in turn Dale sent the left on the cheek, and brought his rival down with a swinging right on the chin. On rising Downey set about his opponent at a merry pace, and while the latter was hanging across the ropes he came in for a volley of heavy blows. Taking the centre, Dale did well with a couple of straight shots on the face, and, to the surprise of the onlookers, Downey retired just before the completion of the initial meeting. Drummers' Competitions.—Heavy Boys: J. Whitehead beat A. Thompson.—The former was much the heavier, and in a rapid start he scored well. Thompson would not be beaten off, and pulled up well towards the close of the initial stage. The second meeting was well contested, but Whitehead's extra strength enabled him to do most damage in the concluding attempt, and won. Light Boys: J. O. Clarke beat T. Morris.—Although shorter in the reach, Clarke was the aggressor throughout, and scored a popular victory. Three Rounds Displays: Bill Baxter v. Harry Barrett.—A clever set-to. Jack Walker (Paddington) v. Dave Morbin (Walworth).—A spirited bout.

"SPIKE" SULLIVAN DEFEATS TIM KEARNS.

(Special Report.)

LOUISVILLE, FEBRUARY 19.—"Spike" Sullivan and Tim Kearns got their Irish blood up early in their twenty rounds bout at the Southern A.C. last night, with the result that they furnished a contest full of thumps from the sound of the gong until Tim Hurst gave Sullivan the hard-earned decision. That the go did not terminate with a knock-out was not the fault of either man. Kearns's sensitive tube-equipped nose was punch was the stiffest used in the battle, but "Spike" knew every method of avoiding punishment, and roughed it all the way. He was quicker on his feet, and sprinted around the ring at times when Kearns was trying to corner him. Sullivan used a long left jab most frequently. Kearns's sensitive tube-equipped nose was his mark, and he got to it regularly with an occasional wallop to the mid-riff, and a frequent heave of the right to the head and jaw. Sullivan started the rough work early, but when Kearns got mad he proved better at the game than "Spike." The latter was cautious and avoided punishment, while Kearns was anxious to get a chance for a knock-out. He kept boring in, and took many jabs and swings for his trouble. For a dozen rounds honours were easy, Kearns had floored "Spike" once, and had tripped down himself. Sullivan's steady work told as the bout drew to its close, and several times it looked equally for Tim. He was dropped twice from a right to the body and a left to the jaw, and was saved once by the gong. Sullivan had the better of all the closing rounds, and Hurst's decision met approval. Both men finished tired, with lips and ears split and faces puffed, but they had furnished one of the best fights ever seen here.

BOXING AT PECKHAM.—LAST Saturday the weekly entertainment was held at the Glengall Gymnasium, when the show staged by Harry Williams drew an enthusiastic attendance of sports. These were fully satisfied with the bouts, and said that harder or better boxing could not be seen anywhere in the metropolis. Who should know what the public require in the shape of boxing better than the promoter, who, in almost every resort, has gained victories, and boasts nearly eighty successes, whereas the defeats are scarcely half a dozen in number? Having been a combatant himself, the scrapping fraternity know that no fooling will be allowed, but go in to fight, and satisfy not only the promoter but the spectators. As long as both are trying it does not matter whether a contest lasts one round or six, and if a knock-out occurs it is only the fortune of war. The officials were: Referee, Mr. R. Josephs (THE MIRROR OF LIFE); W. Walker, timekeeper; Harry Williams, M.C.; with Jack Fitzhall and Joe Fielder attending to the scrappers. In Six Rounds Contests Tom Tiddler (Southwark) disposed of "Mick" Allen (Southwark) after nearly two minutes' hard fighting. Fred Henderson (H.M.S. Pembroke) beat Tom Tunstall (Lambeth).—This proved a hard hitting fight, but Tunstall kept trying the right, and when he started scoring points it was too late, and he had to put up with defeat. Joe Leonard (Drury Lane) beat Arthur Hill (Camberwell).—This was a hot set-to, blood flowing from start to finish, and though Hill went great guns in the last round, Leonard won on points. "Ginger" Atkinson (Bermondsey) beat "Ginger" Mallett (Southwark).—At the call of time Atkinson set a hot pace, and proved stronger than his opponent, taking a long lead. This he kept adding to till Round 4, when Mallett scored fast, but running away again Atkinson more than held his own, and won. Final, 8st Competition (six rounds): Ted Griffiths (Blackfriars) beat Jack Holt (Kentish Town).—The first-named shaped right-hand foremost, and his rival could not make him out. Towards the latter part, however, he pulled up wonderfully, but it was too late, and the verdict went to Griffiths. Final, 9st Competition (six rounds): Harry Pearce (Mortlake) beat Harry Telfree (Bermondsey).—The first-named was of the lean kind, and as fit as could be, but, after his opponent had held the lead half way through, wiped off all arrears, and won. The wind-up was between Dick Barrett (Lambeth) and Jack McQuillan (Borough).

HARRY SAUNDERS, OF SOMERS Town, would like to box H. Thorne, of Manchester, the best of ten rounds for as much as he likes, winner to take all. Failing him, he will box Ben Taylor, of same place, same terms.

ASSAULT-AT-ARMS AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

ON MONDAY LAST.—BRIEF DEtails; Fencing.—First round: E. Bullough (Trinity) beat P. A. G. Rappis (Christ's), five hits to three; B. H. Seward (Trinity) beat E. V. Sassoon (Trinity), five hits to four. In the final, Seward defeated Bullough by five hits to two. Bullough and Sassoon fenced for second place, Bullough winning by five hits to four. Feather-Weight Boxing: F. S. Hulton Sams (Trinity) beat L. F. Brady (St. Catharine's). Heavy-Weight Boxing: H. A. Hind (King's) beat D. H. Collingham (King's).—Hind was much the heavier man, and had the best of the opening round. He administered severe punishment to his rival in the second, and the referee stopped the encounter. Hind was declared the winner. R. O. C. Ward (Trinity) beat E. B. Bailey (Clare) in the first round. Final: Hind beat Ward.—Ward got the best of the opening exchanges, but there was little between them in the first round. Both men boxed determinedly in the second, it causing much enthusiasm. Hind in the final round boxed his opponent to a standstill, and the referee intervened and declared Hind the winner. Middle-weight Boxing: P. P. Braithwaite (Caius) beat B. S. Jewell (Trinity).—Braithwaite had slightly the best of the first round, and the Light Blue footballer secured a very popular victory. Sabres: J. C. Newman (Magdalene) beat W. P. Cutlock (Pembroke) by five hits to two. Light-weight Boxing: E. C. Midgley (Trinity) had an easy task with E. H. H. Carlisle (Trinity), and the referee gave his verdict in favour of Midgley before the first round was completed.

BOXING AT WONDERLAND

7st 4lb COMPETITION — FIRST series: Frank Morecambe (St. James's) beat "Dummy" Forest (Bethnal Green); "Buck" Shine (Somers Town) beat Frank Exall (Bermondsey); George McCarthy (Spitalfields) beat Johnny Hughes (Bloomsbury); Ben Palmer (Bethnal Green) beat Bob Knott (St. James's). Semi-finals: Shine beat Morecambe. McCarthy beat Palmer. Final bout (six rounds): Shine beat McCarthy. — McCarthy, who had knocked his hand up in the semi-final, faced his opponent, but was obviously in pain. He boxed one round, but then was persuaded to give in. Six Rounds Contests: Ted Ware (Mile End) beat Ernie Veitch (St. George's). Bill Corbett (Walworth) beat Alf Barnard (Spitalfields). Lionel Hart (Aldgate) beat Young Reece (Aldgate). "Wag" Hampton (Finsbury) beat Dave Morbin (Walworth). Harry Sands's midgets gave a neat spar. Their combined weights are under 8st, and one is uncommonly like Jack Roberts, of Drury Lane. Will he grow up with as hard a head as Curley's conqueror?

Details:—Six Rounds Contests: Ted Calder (Stratford) beat Tom Christian (Camden Town); H. Benson (Hackney) beat Driver Tullett (Woolwich); Joe Godwin (Spitalfields) v. "Ginger" Owen (Bermondsey); Dave Morbin (Walworth) beat Alf Pain (Mile End); Bert Adams (Spitalfields) beat Tom Andey (Bethnal Green); Tom Ireland (Mile End) beat Sam Cavill; Bill Nolan (Drury Lane) v. Ted Ware (Mile End).—The referee at the finish failed to separate them. Ten Rounds Contest: Jem Houghton (Bethnal Green) beat Bert Taylor (Mile End).—Houghton, keeping a good left at work, added to his points, and justly received the award.

HARRY LEE'S SPECIAL AT WONderland.—Details.—Six Rounds Contests: Jack Mitchell (Bethnal Green) beat Harry Benson (Hackney); "Wag" Hampton (Finsbury) beat "Kid" McCoy (Spitalfields); Harry Neumier (America) beat Bill Shaw (Stepney); Jack Osman (Walthamstow) beat George Wood (Hoxton); Willie Stone (Spitalfields) beat Clarence Holt (Mile End); Joe Barrett (Clerkenwell) beat "Wag" Butler (Hammersmith); Lionel Hart (Aldgate) beat "Dummy" Britain (Aldgate). Four Rounds Exhibition: Bob Russell (Limehouse) v. Harry Chamberlain (Bow). Four Rounds Trial: "Jewey" Cooke (Bloomsbury) v. "Cush" Dark (Acton).

CONTESTS AT GINNETT'S CIRCUS, Newcastle.—There was a good night's sport at Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle, last Wednesday night, and for this there was a fairly large attendance. The principal contest was one of twenty rounds, for £75, between J. Nelson (Newcastle) and J. Lloyd (South Shields). The contest only lasted four rounds, and after some very even, though heavy work, Nelson knocked his man out with a half-hook on the point. In the final of a competition for 7st 4ds Young Kirton knocked out J. Johnson in the first round. J. Haggerty was referee, and A. R. Downer timekeeper.

TED LEONARD, OF H.M.S. PEMbroke, would like to box F. Anderson, of H.M.S. Adelaide, six or eight rounds at 8st 9lb if a purse is forthcoming.

J. SMITH, OF GATESHEAD, IS OPEN to box either Bill or Ned Cumberland if Andrew Wood will give a purse.

BOXING AT NORTHAMPTON.

LONG BEFORE THE HOUR SET for opening the door, half-past seven, a vast crowd besieged the Corn Exchange, and when the door was opened there was a great rush for seats. There were several interesting exhibition boxing bouts, and these pleased those present as well: a the contests, that between Harry Ware and W. Reeves being lively enough to put every one in a good humour. Walter Joyes and C. Manning came next in an exhibition spar. It was an interesting one. Six Rounds Contest: Wells defeats Slinn.—It was not until nearing the end of the second round that Slinn took a lead. It was only a slight one, however. Then Wells forced the work and had the best of the third round. There was not much to pick between the combatants until the last round, when Wells scored very fast with both hands and was declared the winner. Eight Rounds Contest: Harry Paul, of London, beat W. Cooke, of Northampton.—This was an interesting affair. Cooke scored very fast at opening, but the Londoner made things even before the end of the opening round. Cooke boxed well, but Paul's two-handed work was too much for the provincial. Paul continued to add to his lead until the sixth round, then Cooke put up a grand battle. It was hit for hit, but the Londoner was invariably a trifle in front of his antagonist. Cooke did much better as the battle progressed. In the last round Paul scored very fast, and was declared the winner. Cooke got a round of applause for his pluck. Fifteen Rounds Contest: Burnaud defeats Smeathers.—This contest lasted but six rounds, and it was a very even one. Smeathers forced the pace in the first two rounds, and certainly had the best of the points. Then Burnaud started scoring, and soon equalised matters. His body work was heavy, and some of his kidney punches must have hurt Smeathers badly. The fifth round was an even one, and it would be hard to tell which really had the advantage. The sixth round was all in favour of Burnaud, who scored with both hands. He drove his rival before him all over the ring. When "Time" was called Smeathers wanted to give in. He did so just as "Time" was called for the seventh round.

A CORRECTION.

IN OUR ISSUE OF FEBRUARY 13 we stated that Dan Whelligan, of Birkenhead, acted as referee at the Liverpool Gymnastic Club in the contest between Billy Clark and Jem Gordon. We have since been informed that Dan Whelligan was not the referee, but acted as one of the seconds to the winner.

McDERMOTT, OF SOUTH SHIELDS, v. Dave Job, of Islington.—Some time since we announced the fact that Mr. Tot Landreth was negotiating for a match between the above at the Standard Theatre, Gateshead. It fell through, however, after Dave Job had expressed his willingness to contend, the reason given being that Harry McDermott and Young Capstick, who was also to be matched at the same time with Joe Bowker, were going into business together, but what business was not stated. Now we have the following:—McDermott to the world at 7st 4lb is open to box any one in the world at 7st 4lb (give or take 2lb) with 4oz gloves, for £50 or £100 a-side and the best purse offered. At this weight Dave Job is preferred, or McDermott will take £150 to £100 and box Matt Precious at 7st 8lb. The weigh-in must take place at the ringside for either of the above contests. A deposit will be immediately covered by Jos. Sweeney, of South Shields, on behalf of McDermott.

JACK CLAYBURG WILL BOX ALF Leeper (Canning Town) and George Kelsey (St. George's) eight, ten, or fifteen rounds, if any promoter will give a purse. Clayburg will have a wager of from £2 to £5 on the result, money to be deposited at THE MIRROR OF LIFE. Nat Keyser can have a match on the same terms.

JOHN JENKINS IS OPEN TO BOX Lew Morgan for £25 a-side and the best purse offered. A deposit left at THE MIRROR OF LIFE will be attended to and lead to business.

BOXING AT DUNDALK.—TOM Sharkey's Brother Shows Form.—On Wednesday night, February 27, in the Town Hall, Dundalk, a boxing contest took place between Wm. Guest and Jack Sharkey (Tom Sharkey's brother) at catch-weight, a medal and a small purse being the guerdon of victory. The contest was for a charitable purpose. Sharkey and Guest boxed four lively rounds, but Jack Sharkey's experience and hard-hitting (similar to that of his brother Tom) caused him to run out the winner. Nevertheless his clever opponent gave him several stiff jabs with his left which drew the blood, but Sharkey's severe rushes won him the contest at the end of the fourth round. Tom McKittreck and Pat Varnee also gave a splendid three-round exhibition of the noble art, in which their quick-hitting, ducking, and side-stepping caused quite a sensation, and brought loud applause from the audience.

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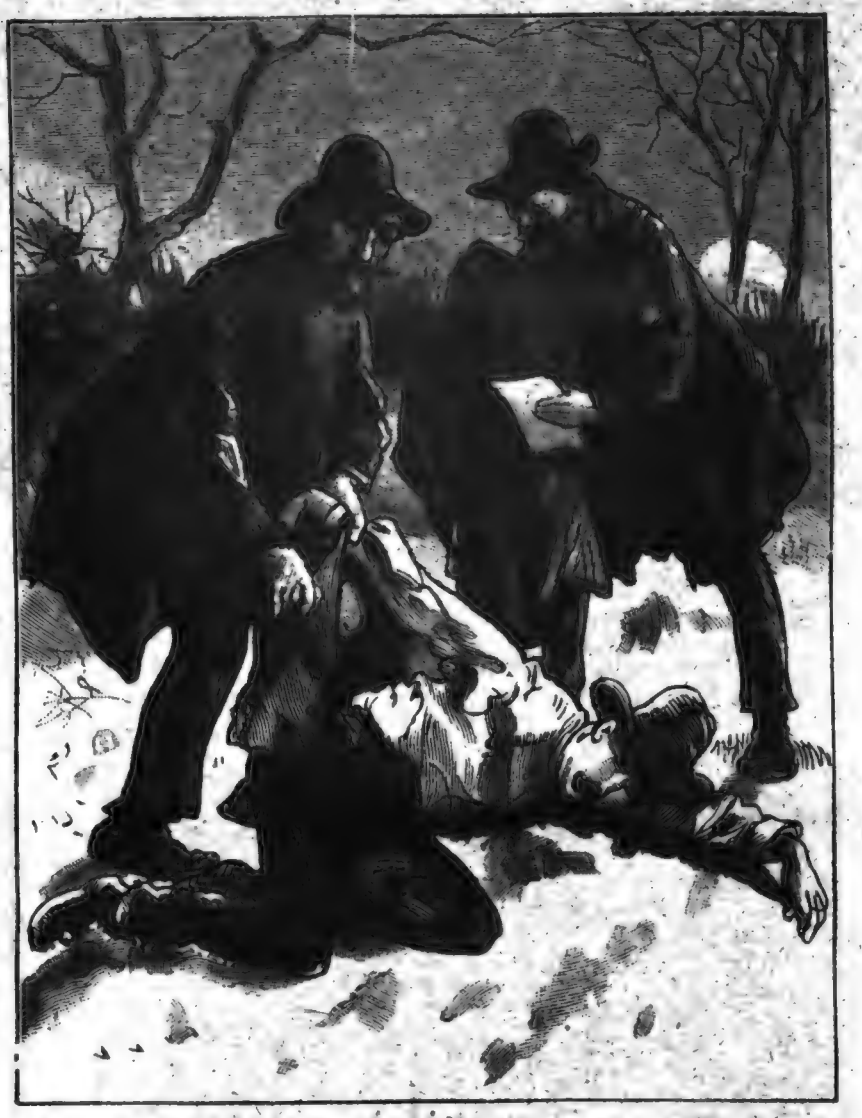
MISS MARIE WILTON,

An Interesting Dancer and Singer who has Appeared at the Principal London Halls.



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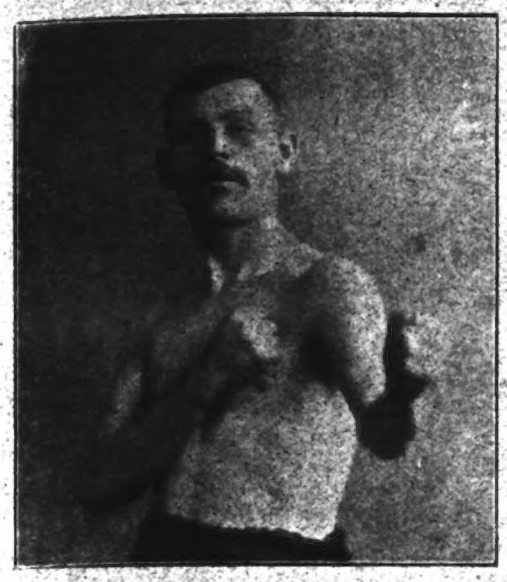
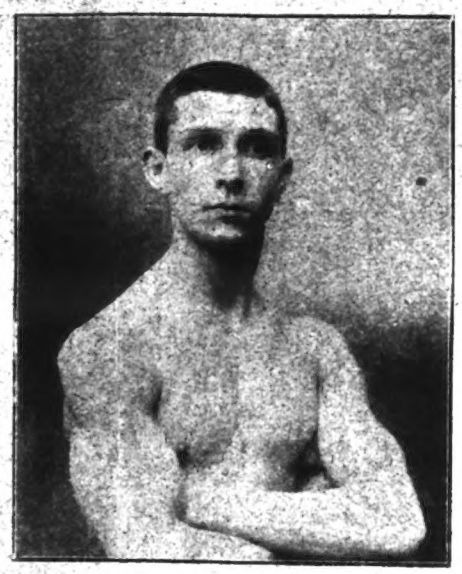


HARRY SMITH,

Of Birmingham, who was Defeated in Four Rounds by Jack O'Brien at Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle, February 25.



JACK OWENS,

Of Liverpool, who Recently Defeated Young Mack at the Liverpool Gymnastic Club.

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A Well-known All-round Sportsman, who is Now Mine Host of the Hop Pole, Gambia Street, Blackfriars.

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BOB LEACH,

Of Brighton, an Old-time Boxer and All-round Sportsman, Now Mine Host of the Aquarium Inn, Opposite the Marine Palace Pier, Brighton, where Most Well-known Boxers Train From.

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BOXING AT BOB HABBIJAM'S.

IF WALLS COULD SPEAK, THE walls of the little boxing academy in Newman Street could tell many a tale of battles lost and won and claret spilled. Fifteen years or more ago nearly every trial of any importance came off at "Little Bob's"; and we well remember when Pat Ruskell was imported from Ireland by the "Guv'nor" to take part in the amateur championships as a middle-weight, Pat having a trial with the black, Davenport, at these rooms, which was nothing more or less than a fight. Pat Ruskell ran into the final with Bill King, and to this day Bob Habbijam and his governor vows that the man from Ireland should have received the verdict. Friday night's boxing.—Details: Six Rounds Contest: Bill Lee Clerkenwell) beat Bill Whitelaw.—When time was called they dashed in, and fought with great determination and effect. Round after round gave evidence of this feeling, and, with sharp rallies to finish every bout, Lee won. Three Rounds Exhibition: Stanton Abbott (Walworth) v. C. Appleby. Six Rounds Contest: G. Proctor beat G. Dempsey.—Proctor hit Dempsey very hard with both hands, and down fell Dempsey. He rose only to be downed, after severe fighting, and before the end of the second bout it was stopped. Proctor added to his long record and proved himself a nailing good lad. Three Rounds Exhibition: Jack Walker v. George Cooper.—Cooper stood well up to his work in every bout. Six Rounds Contest: Harry Ashley beat Johnny Hughes.—Ashley went in rapid pursuit and shifted Hughes to the rightabout. Last-named always a good sound punch, Ashley cleverer with the left hand. The fighting proceeded swift and severe. Hughes sharp and Ashley prolific. A splendid wind-up. Hughes a good right-hander, shaking Ashley up, but latter won. Three Rounds Exhibition: Harry Greenfield v. A. Pereira.—Greenfield viciously sent the right across a smasher, but not hard enough. Then Harry visited the belly, and his opponent grew wild and erratic. Greenfield all the best to the last minute, the ex-amateur cutting but a poor figure. Four Rounds Contest: "Tussi" Winters and A. Price a draw.—Winters bashed Price with left and right, and did by far the most of the labour. Price fought pluckily against good odds. Winters hit very hard, more particularly with the left, and was blowing freely at the finish of a splendid contest. A draw. Three Rounds Trial: "Buck" Shine v. George Collins.—A grand wind-up.

PRIVATE J. KNIGHT, 1st BATT. Grenadier Guards, is open to meet William Griffiths or Jem Arnold, of South Wales, the best of twenty rounds, 3min each round, fight to come off either in Merthyr or Cardiff, if any gentleman will give a reasonable purse, and Knight will have a good side stake on the result. Fight to come off on Easter Monday.

BOXING AT THE WEST HARTLEpool Gym.—At the above club on Saturday night, before a good attendance, Sam Mottram, of West Hartlepool, beat Joe Smith, of the same town, on a foul in the sixth round of an eight rounds contest. Dick Stamper and Tom Peart, both of West Hartlepool, also met in an eight rounds contest. Stamper injured his wrist in the fifth round, and had to give up.

JEM BARRY INTENDS TO PLACE before his patrons a good programme on Thursday, March 14, at Lexington Hall, Golden Square. A contest between Bill Telford and Jem Harper, for a purse, and boxing between professionals and amateurs under the A.B.A., also a novices' competition at 8st 6lb, for which entries should be sent to Jem Barry, St. James's and Soho, Frith Street, Soho Square.

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JEMMY LOWES'S SPECIAL NIGHT.

ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 18, at the request of several patrons, Mr. James Lowes will conduct a special show at the Hexham House saloon, Newcastle, and he is forming a programme which appears likely to excel all his previous efforts of the kind. Three important matches have already been ratified—one of twenty rounds between J. Quinn, a sturdy young boxer of Belfast, and Jem Richardson, of Gateshead, late of Honolulu, whose reputation for gameness is world-wide; a fifteen rounds contest between Bob Wilkinson, of Jarrow, a tried young boxer, and S. Johnson, of Gateshead, who is rapidly coming to the front; and one of ten rounds between those clever lads "Darkey" Carpenter and Jack Tait, of Newcastle, whose meeting is certain to provoke much interest. With items of such importance, and probably other fistic attractions, there is no doubt but that the caterer's reputation will be fully maintained.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

Newcastle-on-Tyne,
February 23, 1901.

Articles of agreement entered this the 23rd day of February, 1901, between Jack Quinn, of Belfast, on the one part, and James Richardson, of Gateshead (late of Honolulu), on the other part, who hereby agree to box the best of twenty rounds, of two minutes' duration each, at catch-weight, strictly under the Marquis of Queensberry rules, with 4oz gloves, for a purse of £25 (twenty-five pounds), offered by Mr. James Lowes, of the Hexham House, Newcastle. The contest to be decided in Newcastle or Gateshead, as Mr. Lowes may appoint, on Monday, March 18, 1901. The purse money to be divided:—Winner £20 (twenty pounds), loser £5 (five pounds), and Quinn to be allowed £5 (five pounds) for expenses. The Editor of THE MIRROR OF LIFE to appoint referee.

We, the competitors, pledge ourselves that, whatever may be the result of the contest, we will lodge no objection to the payment of the prize-money according to the decision of the referee, which must be final, and subject to no appeal at law or otherwise.

(Signed) JEM RICHARDSON.
(Witness) TOM LEES.
(Signed) JOHN QUINN.
(Witness) PAT QUINN.

AMATEUR COMPETITIONS AT Shoreditch Town Hall.—The Columbia Boxing Club.—For years the above club had its headquarters in Baroness Road, Hackney, but such a number of athletes belong to the association that they had to take larger premises at the Tee-To-Tum. This gave "Hon Sec." J. D. Williams a lot more work, but as long as the club prospers he does not mind what he does to further its interests. All of the fistic entertainments promoted by the Columbia have taken place at the baths in the old spot, but after a club night at the "Tum" they soared to higher places, and took the Shoreditch Town Hall for their open competitions. The hall was well filled, half as many again being present, as well as those that had witnessed previous shows. Sam Jacobs, the well-known penciller, presented three silver watches to the runners, while solid silver cups were given to the winners. Mr. E. Morris (the Horns) and Sam Jacobs presented the trophies to the winners. The officials were: Judges, Members of the A.B.A.; timekeepers, Sam Jacobs and A. R. Birtles; and Tom Goodwin all there in the elocutionistic department, the boxers' wants being seen to by T. F. Davison, Dan Murphy, George Suttle, and Bill Whatley. Details:—7st 12lb Open Novices' Competition: G. Pickard (unattached) beat E. Jones (Columbia B.C.), J. Conner (Columbia B.C.) beat G. Bonney (unattached), C. Longthorn (Sayes Court Inst. B.C.) beat S. H. Bailey, St. Andrew's B.C.) A. Webb (Gainsford B.C.) beat J. Read (University B.C.), G. Gibbons (University B.C.) beat C. Bavin (unattached), J. W. Allman (University B.C.) a bye. Second Series: Longthorn beat Webb, Conner beat Pickard, Allman beat Gibbons. Semi-finals: Allman beat Longthorn, Conner a bye. Final: Conner beat Allman.—Both went at it hammer and tongs to assert supremacy till in the midst of a hard rally Allman was knocked out. 8st 8lb Open Competition: E. Daughters (Columbia B.C.) beat T. Cronk (Rugby B.C.), W. Morgan (Kensington B.C.) beat J. Monyer (Eton Mission B.C.), C. J. Clark (Lynn A.C.) beat C. Hawes (17th Middlesex R. S. of A.), C. Devillet (Columbia B.C.) beat S. Adams (Central Finsbury A.C.). Second Series: Morgan beat Daughters, Clark beat Devillet. Final: Clark beat Morgan.—The first named is a sturdy lad who, should he enter, would be almost favourite for the championships, and after taking the measure of his rival, went ahead, scored well, and won. 10st 4lb Open Competition: A. Warner (Highgate H.) beat H. Jacobs (17th Middlesex R. S. of A.).—This was almost an exhibition bout, scientific boxing only being seen, and at the end of the display the award went as above. A. Fairbrass (Columbia B.C.) a bye. This lad did not know he was to fight till the last day, and though unwell and over half a stone under weight, took his place in the ranks. Final bout: Warner beat Fairbrass.—The last-named youth was a rare favourite with the boys, and they cheered each blow he made at the enemy. Fairbrass set himself to work, but Warner was scoring fast, and, as soon as an opportunity came, sent the right across in the second round, and ended the battle. The entertainment was not over till close upon the midnight hour, and the club must be congratulated on their success, which they richly deserve.

ASSAULT-AT-ARMS AT MARLOW.—A private entertainment, promoted by the Marlow Amateur Boxing Club, was held on Wednesday last. The programme included several competitions and a ten rounds contest for the 7st championship of Berks and Bucks between Nat Smith (Wycombe) and Harry Grace (Marlow), which the former won in the fifth round; also a twelve rounds contest between Tom Rippington (ex-amateur champion) and Harry Baker (Brixton), for a purse offered by some local gentlemen. Six Rounds Contest: Frank Goody v. Clarky.—These midgets fought to their hearts' content, Goody's trickiness giving him a lead in the first three rounds, after which weight told, and the referee very properly decided it a draw. Ten Rounds (for 7st Championship of Berks and Bucks): Nat Smith beat Harry Grace.—Round 1. Grace started with a good straight left, and, fighting fiercely, seemed likely to bring matters to a summary conclusion before the opening round concluded. Round 2. Smith, slinging both hands, landed two or three times in succession, and fighting all over the ring they brought themselves to a stand-still. Rounds 3 and 4 were much the same, Smith being cautioned for pulling his man over. Round 5. Both lads tired, and repeatedly fighting in holds. Smith rushed Grace to the ropes, and Grace, injuring his shoulder, retired. Ted Woods and Bert Cresswell had three good rounds, Bert gaining the award of merit. Twelve Rounds Contest: Tom Rippington (ex-amateur champion) v. Harry Baker (Brixton).—Round 1. Both men were well matched in regard to height, but Baker was over a stone the heavier. Rippington possesses a good straight left, which he landed time after time, cleverly escaping Baker's counters with the right. Round 2. Baker tried hard, and nearly sent his man to the boards with a right-hander. Rippington cautious till time. Round 3. Rippington was very smart with his left, and ran up a lot of points, whilst Baker kept swinging in vain for a knock-out, but "Rip" too tricky with his head. Round 4. Baker landed the left, a smasher. Another attempt, and Rippington crossed him with the right, and sent him to the boards. Round 5. Baker made a game fight, but had not got over the previous round, and being sent down twice in the sixth round, was counted out.

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AT THE LONDON PAVILION ON Saturday afternoon an extra turn by "the Gourlays" was voted extremely novel and entertaining. The clever pair retired to flattering applause after a double call.

TOM COSTELLO AND THE TWO Bees are at the Brixton Empress this week.

R. G. KNOWLES HAS COMMENCED to say good-bye to the variety stage; you can see him at the Alhambra at 9.45.

BRANSBY WILLIAMS, IN HIS MARvellous character sketches from the works of Charles Dickens, is much appreciated at the Holloway Empire.

JOE ELVIN, IN HIS RACING sketch "Toffy's Trotter," is the principal sketch at the Paragon. The variety portion of the programme is of extra strength, and embraces Pat Rafferty, Miss Alice Lloyd, Miss Amy Lyster, Miss Vesta Victoria, and the very latest animated pictures.

THE FARCICAL COMEDY, ENTITLED "Mama," by Sydney Grundy, is to be produced at the Criterion on the 12th.

THIS IS AN AGE OF REVIVALS, and in most instances the resuscitated plays have proved successful. "Peril," at the Garrick, is a notable instance, and will no doubt run for a considerable time.

HENRY V., BEAUTIFULLY STAGED and acted, must shortly be withdrawn from the Lyceum, owing to Sir Henry Irving's return. Messrs. Lewis Waller and William Mollison will no doubt have a most successful provincial tour at the close of their present season at the Lyceum.

JACK GARKEEN, THE KING OF wrestlers, has been specially engaged by Mr. Digby Roberts to appear at Collins's.

MR. JACK DE FREGE HAS A capital programme on tap at the London, numbering that A1 comedian George Bastow.

AT LAST WE HEAR THAT "A Message from Mars" will shortly be withdrawn from the Avenue Theatre. It has had a long and prosperous run, and will no doubt be heard of again. "The Man from Blankley's" is the next comedy to be produced here.

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THE GOTHAMS, AT THE LONDON Pavilion, furnish the best turn on the programme. Their comic opera (written by A. J. Morris) contains many excellent numbers and endless funny business. As the opera is played by four people only it resolves itself now and then into a quick change act. The show thoroughly deserves the applause bestowed upon it. Carl Hertz is here with another illusion. Miss Alma Jones's two songs are appreciated. Edward Laurie has a good song in "Play the Game." Harry Lauder, the Scotch comedian, remains a firm favourite. Dempsey warbles an ancient song, "The Judge Let Him Off." The Musical Avolos are always worth listening to, and Mark Melford and Co. are certain to provide fun in whatever sketch they may elect to appear in; on the occasion of my visit they were creating plenty of laughter with "Jim's Little Joke." Miss Ada Cerito's cheery method gains success, and her khaki song prospers. Miss Marie Wilton sings archly, and her dancing is effective. Miss Kate Carney wins an ovation, and Dutch Daly, Harry Allister, and many others complete a capital programme.

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